



LIFE BIBLE STUDY

CLASS GUIDE | AUG-OCT 2025

The Loop Campus

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Gregg Matte, Pastor

Our Invitation

Welcome!

You may be wondering what Life Bible Study (LBS) is and why it would be a value to you, your marriage, your friendships, and your family life. Traditionally, Life Bible Study was known as Sunday School, but the truth is—our LBS is much more! LBS is our place for you to be known, to study God's Word, and to grow in your relationship with Christ. We believe your relationship with Christ will affect everything else in your life.

We encourage everyone to find community in an LBS and to gather with others in similar life stages, walk through challenges together, and pursue the Great Commission. Within LBS, you will have the opportunity to foster lifetime relationships, develop spiritual gifts, and do life with others.

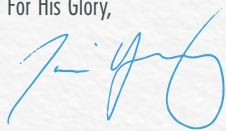
We also believe, as our Life Bible Study purpose statement says, that our LBS ministry is the church organized to gather people, grow people, and to give ministry away to others in and through your class.

Feel free to look over this guide, visit one or more Life Bible Studies, and find the right one for you. If you have any questions, email me at Tim.Young@HoustonsFirst.org.

On pages 9–11 of this guide there is a map to help you navigate the building. Our Welcome team in the Main Foyer will take you where you need to go and answer any questions.

I look forward to seeing you around the church!

For His Glory,



Tim Young

Adult Education Minister

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Our Purpose

Life Bible Study is the church organized and dedicated to Gathering the unchurched and those who haven't discovered Christ while Growing believers through life changing Bible Study to become Great Commission Christians, reflecting His love through Giving ministry to others.



Sundays @ 8a

Adult 2 (mid 40s to 67)

COMPELLED BY LOVE

FOR Adults ages 55–75 **R** 249

D Paul Simon **T** Wade Watkins and Chris Deily

ENCOURAGERS (NEW CLASS)

FOR Adults of all ages **R** 180 (Oasis Rm)

D Mark & Geniffer Roach **T** Edd Hendee and Eric Reed

Encore (ages 67+)

MORNING STAR

FOR Adults ages 73+ **R** 143

D James & Shirley Goode **T** Bob Christian

Women

A NEW JOURNEY

FOR Widows ages 40+ **R** 132 (Reception Room)

D Janice Whalen **T** Gloria McCauley and Carol Pierce

Sundays @ 9:15a

Preschool & Kindergarten

First Friends

FOR Ages 0–K

FIRST TIME GUEST CHECK-IN

Preschool Suite Lobby on Level 1

Children

First Kids

FOR 1st–5th Graders

FIRST TIME GUEST CHECK-IN

White desk outside The Loft (Rm 301)

Students

The HUB Student Ministry

FOR 6th–12th Grades

FIRST TIME GUEST CHECK-IN

The HUB Welcome Desk (Level 3 HUB Entrance)

Special Needs Ministry

THRU THE ROOF

FOR All ages

FIRST TIME GUEST CHECK-IN

Thru the Roof Suite (Rm 329)

Young Single Adults

(20s–early 30s)

Summit Ministries

DEVOTED

FOR Single adults ages 20–25 **R** 179 (Harbor Rm)

D Duncan Crosby and Liz Ober **T** Brad Buhler

SELAH

FOR Single adults ages 23–27 **R** 176 (Bowling Alley)

D Zach Turman and Isabel Garza **T** David Gober

PURSUIT

FOR Single adults ages 24–29 **R** 274 (University Rm)

D Ethan Cockerham and Miranda Howland

T Craig & Shannon Bloodworth

Young Single Adults

(30s–early 40s)

Sojourn Ministries

HEBREWS 10:24

FOR Single adults in their 30s **R** 170 (SW Gym)

D Warner Scott **T** Alex Phillips

PETROS

FOR For Single Adults in their 30s **R** 170 (SE Gym)

D Derek Morrison and Ashley Vincent **T** Andrea Kim

Single Adults (40s–50s)

Impact Ministries

FERVENT

FOR Single adults in their 40s **R** 180 (Oasis Rm)

T Derek Irish

WHITE ROCK

FOR Single adults in their 40s **R** 258

D Tomas Munoz **T** Ruben Luna

THE LIGHT

FOR Single adults ages 40s–50s **R** 253

D Shawn Nichols **T** Troy Hollister and Kari Heitman

Single Parent Families/

Blended Families

Single Parent Family Ministry

ANCHOR

FOR Single parents with younger children **R** 292

D/T Joe Dougharty

FORTIFIED

FOR Single parents with older children **R** 290

D Steve Diserens and Christine Berry **T** Susan Mack



Blended Family Ministry

VINE

FOR Blended families **R** FBA 293

D Jeffy & Amanda Thomas **T** Philip & Elizabeth Varjas

Married Young Adults (to mid 40s)

NEWLYWED OR CLOSE

FOR Couples engaged/married 1 year or less

R 150 A/B (Fellowship Center A/B) **D** Jim & Patrice Swanson

T Darrell & Lisa Taylor and Marc & Leigh Kohler

MAGNIFY

FOR Couples married 1–3 years **R** 404

D Brett & Megan Felton and Ben & Brittanny Stephens

ROOTED

FOR Couples married 1–4 years **R** 504

D Nathan & Kierra Schafer

REALITY

FOR Couples married 1–7 years **R** 405

D Julian & Catherine Martinez **T** Paul Duncan and Tom Owen

STEADFAST

FOR Couples married 5+ years **R** 270B

D Boomer & Whitney White

ABIDE

FOR Couples married 7+ years **R** 407

D Colin & Sarah Brown **T** Patrick Hoercher

REDEEMED

FOR Couples married 7+ years **R** 505

D Blake & Meg Zisman **T** Anthony Brown

COMMUNITAS

FOR Couples married 10+ years **R** 403

D Chad & Annie Peter **T** Jared McCurley, David Mertz,
and Taylor Scott

JOURNEY

FOR Couples married 10+ years **R** 401/402

D Kiel & Abi Von Feldt **T** Rowdy Rudd and Cale Dowel

RELENTLESS

FOR Couples married 10+ years **R** 408

D Matt & Gabrielle Cooper

APPLICATION

FOR Adults ages 40+ (couples married 10+ yrs) **R** FBA 296

D Ben & Ashley Rodgers

AS ONE

FOR Adults ages 40+ (Adults of all life stages) **R** 132

(Reception Rm) **D** David & Bertha Rials **T** Eric & Olivia Ober

ETHNE

FOR Adults ages 40+ (Adults of all life stages) **R** 263

D Jeff & Amy George

Adult 2 (mid 40s–67)

GRAFTED IN

FOR Adults ages late 40s–60s **R** 257

D Don & Jamie Blevins **T** Martin Dixon, Denise Adams,
and Don Blevins

THE BRIDGE

FOR Adults ages 50s–early 70s **R** 190 (FBA Library)

D Doug & Shelley Brough **T** Mike LeJeune

THIRD QUARTER

FOR Adults ages late 40s–60s **R** 150 C/D (Fellowship

Center C/D) **D** David & Julie Miller **T** Robert Schwartz

LOGOS

FOR Adults ages 40+ **R** 158 (Garden Rm)

D Mark & Lisa Arzymanow **T** Teaching Team

REUNION

FOR Adults ages 40s–50s **R** 501/502

D Brett & Kimberly Williams **T** Christi Smith, Kyle Bethancourt,
and Jason & Susannah Baker

Adults (all ages)

CHOSEN

FOR Adults who have “Chosen to open their hearts and/or
homes to foster and adopted children

R 294 **D** Josh & Laurie Landrum **T** Josh Landrum

SAFE HARBOR

FOR Adults of all ages **R** 251

D Jill McCleary **T** Clarence Callis

ROOF BUILDERS

FOR Special Needs Parents of all ages **R** 333

D Jeremy & Lindsey Blevins **T** Kyle & Alissa Franklin

Women

WHOLEHEARTED

FOR Women of all ages **R** 262

D Grace Muñoz **T** Kim Huff



Sundays @ 10:45a

Preschool & Kindergarten

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Young Single Adults

(20s–early 30s)

Summit Ministries

MANNA (NEW CLASS)

FOR Single adults ages 23–29 **R** 176 (Bowling Alley)

D Genna Diaz and Christian Prado **T** Kathleen & Scott Fields and Justin Seale

Sojourn Ministries

DELTA

FOR Single adults ages 30s **R** 179 (Harbor Room)

D Jonathan Mills and Lindsay Rubenstein **T** Teaching Team

Single Adults (40s–50s)

Impact Ministries

FREEDOM

FOR Single adults ages 50s–60s **R** 253

D Ron McCarthy **T** Mark Nevells

Single Parent Families/

Blended Families

Single Parent Family Ministry

RENEW

FOR Single parents **R** 292 **D/T** Jennifer Stewart

Married Young Adults (to mid 40s)

EMBERS

FOR Engaged couples, newlyweds, and beyond **R** 404

D Eric & Christa Julian **T** Jerry Kho

CATALYST

FOR Couples married 8+ years **R** 405

D Jake & Kim Wood **T** Tony Hensdill

THE ROCK

FOR Couples married 2–6 years **R** 401/402

D Hunter & Mary Katherine Hassebrock **T** Bob Redweik

ILLUMINATE

FOR Couples married 7+ years **R** 503

D Jordan & Megan Tucker **T** Dwayne & Karen Stewart

BLUEPRINTS

FOR Couples married 10+ **R** 505

D Jon & Meghan Kidwell **T** Steven Knudsen, Scott Anthony, and Gary Shie

UNITED

FOR Couples married 8–10+ years **R** 507

D Tyler & Shannon Tekyl **T** Eric Reed and Harvey Brown

Adult 2 (mid 40s–67)

JOINT VENTURE

FOR Adults ages late 40s–60s **R** 262

D Louis & Denise Fox **T** David Taylor

THE DIFFERENCE

FOR Adults ages 50s–early 70s **R** 150C/D (Fellowship Center C/D) **D** Carolyn & Marshall Rorie **T** Sam Torn

HIS GLORY

FOR Adults ages 40+ **R** 190 (FBA Library)

D Tom Diehl **T** Adam Mason

HOME BASE (NEW CLASS)

FOR Adults ages 40+ **R** 504 **D** Rolly & Lee Anna Leguizamon

T Mark Palmer and Anthony Brown

Encore (ages 67+)

BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS

FOR Adults ages 50s–early 70s **R** 230 (Rehearsal Hall)

D Butch Butcher **T** Team teaching

THE LIVING WORD

FOR Adults ages 56–72 **R** 254

D Mario & Sandy Oropeza **T** Gary Stieber

THE CHALLENGERS

FOR Adults ages 73+ **R** 252

D Bill Seele **T** Margo Seele and Steve Fullbright



CATACOMBS

FOR Adults ages 73+ **R** 143

D Dean & Diana Forbes **T** Bob Christian

IN HIS SERVICE

FOR Adults serving in Choir/Orchestra **R** 340

D/T Gary Hazen

THE REFINERS

FOR Adults ages 73+ **R** 249

D Ken & Sara Lowmire and JJ & Barbara LaCarter

T Jerry Ivie, Bob Stewart, Diane Colston, Suzanne Womack,

TW Kirkpatrick, and Emanuel Adame

VICTORY CORNER

FOR Adults ages 73+ **R** 132 (Reception Rm)

D Carolyn Barr **T** Hunter Carr

Adults (all ages)

HIS LIKENESS

FOR Adults of all ages **R** 180 (Oasis Rm)

D Johnny & Marty Harper **T** David Self

INTERNATIONALS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

FOR Adults of all ages having international origin, association, or interest **R** 501/502 **D** Joe & Nancie McClintock

T John Harrington and Belinda Jackson

REVOLUTION WITHIN

FOR Adults of all ages **R** 274 (Fitness Ctr 2nd Floor)

D Stan & Bev Gore **T** Dwight Edwards

TETHERED

FOR Adults of all ages **R** 257

D Khai Huynh and Stephen Harris

T Brad Buehler and Skip Inbody

Women

DAYS/SPRING

FOR Women of all ages **R** 158 (Garden Rm)

D Carolyn O'Neal **T** Carole Lewis and Dena Lee

Sundays @ 5:30p

Preschool & Kindergarten (4p & 5:30p)

First Friends

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College Students

The Loop College Ministry

FOR College age adults 18–23 **R** 150 (Fellowship Center)

D/T Hunter Mullennix

Young Single Adults (20s–early 30s)

Summit Ministries

REVIVAL

FOR Single adults ages 20s **R** 158 (Garden Rm)

D Jimmy Johnson **T** Brad Buehler

Sojourn Ministries

KALEO

FOR Single adults ages 26–33 **R** 179 (Harbor Rm)

D Kojo Prah **T** Teaching Team

Single Adults (40s–50s)

Impact Ministries

B.A.S.I.C.S.

FOR Single adults ages 40s–50s **R** 257

D Becky Green and Kim Shelby **T** Kim Shelby and Mark Nevels

FORGE

FOR Single adults ages 40s **R** 180 (Oasis Rm)

D Daniel Gonzales **T** Teaching Team



HEARTFIRE

FOR Single and married women of all ages **R** 249

D/T Kathy Epperson

CONNECTED IN CHRIST

FOR Single adults of all ages **R** Online only

(For information, visit ConnectedInChristLBS.org)

D Spooky Witherspoon **T** David Funk

Married Young Adults (to mid 40s)

CO-MISSION

FOR Couples married 1–7 years **R** 254

D Logan & Emily Butler

CROSSROADS

FOR Couples married 7+ years **R** 253

D John & Amy Ginder **T** Clark Saunders

HIGH ALTITUDE

FOR Couples married 10+ years **R** 401/402

D Jeremy & Heather Spell **T** Ryan Volkmer and Peter Campbell

NEWLYWED OR CLOSE (NEW CLASS)

FOR Couples engaged/married 1 year or less **R** 258

D/T Phil & Susan Reynolds

Adults (all ages)

JEREMIAH 29:11

FOR Adults of all ages **R** 143

D Bill Neighbors **T** Karl Mangrum

WALKING IN HIS LIGHT

FOR Adults of all Ages **R** 132 (Reception Room)

D Carlos Garza **T** Teaching Team

Women

HEARTFIRE

FOR Single and married women of all ages **R** 249

D/T Kathy Epperson

Sunday Heartland

9:15a & 11a

PRE-K HEARTLAND WORSHIP

FOR PK4 **R** Heartland (201)

KINDERGARTEN HEARTLAND WORSHIP

FOR Kindergarten **R** Heartland (201)

4p

HEARTLAND WORSHIP

FOR PK4–Kindergarten **R** Heartland (201)

Sunday Kids' Clubhouse

9:15a & 11a

1ST & 2ND GRADES

FOR 1st & 2nd Graders **R** The Clubhouse (303)

FIRST TIME GUEST CHECK-IN

White desk outside The Loft (Rm 301)

4p

1ST & 2ND GRADES

FOR 1st & 2nd Graders **R** The Clubhouse (303)

Domingos en Español

9:15a

ENCUENTRO

PARA Jóvenes solteros de 20s–30s **R** 170 NW

D Belinda Arredondo y Karen García **T** Equipo de maestros

RAÍCES

PARA Adultos en general **R** 249

D Jesús Contreras **T** Equipo de maestros

REINICIANDO TU HISTORIA

PARA Nuevos Creyentes **R** 503

D Darío Ojeda **T** Equipo de maestros

11a

SERVICIO EN ESPAÑOL EN EL “CHAPEL”



Sunday Planning Guide

8a	LIFE BIBLE STUDIES			
9:15a	WORSHIP SERVICE Worship Center Choir & Orchestra	LIFE BIBLE STUDIES	HEARTLAND WORSHIP PK 4 Rm 207 Kindergarten Rm 201	CLUBHOUSE WORSHIP 1st & 2nd Graders The Clubhouse (303)
10:45a	LIFE BIBLE STUDIES		HEARTLAND WORSHIP PK 4 Rm 207 Kindergarten Rm 201	CLUBHOUSE WORSHIP 1st & 2nd Graders The Clubhouse (303)
11a	WORSHIP SERVICE Worship Center Band Chapel En Español			
4p	WORSHIP SERVICE Worship Center Band	HEARTLAND WORSHIP PK 4–Kindergarten Rm 201		CLUBHOUSE WORSHIP 1st & 2nd Graders The Clubhouse (303)
5:30p	LIFE BIBLE STUDIES			

Each Life Bible Study is designed to help you grow in your spiritual walk with Jesus Christ. We encourage you to get connected to a small group in our church. We believe these groups help you establish lifelong relationships while building your faith and trust in God. For more information on Life Bible Studies visit us online at HoustonsFirst.org or call 713.681.8000.

Baptism

CHILDREN

Email Bill.Emeott@HoustonsFirst.org or call the Children’s Ministry office at 713.957.7625.

STUDENTS

Email Linda.Sproule@HoustonsFirst.org or call the Student Ministry office at 713.957.7631.

ADULTS

Email Kevin.Spivey@HoustonsFirst.org, call 713.957.5865, or visit the Connection Center.

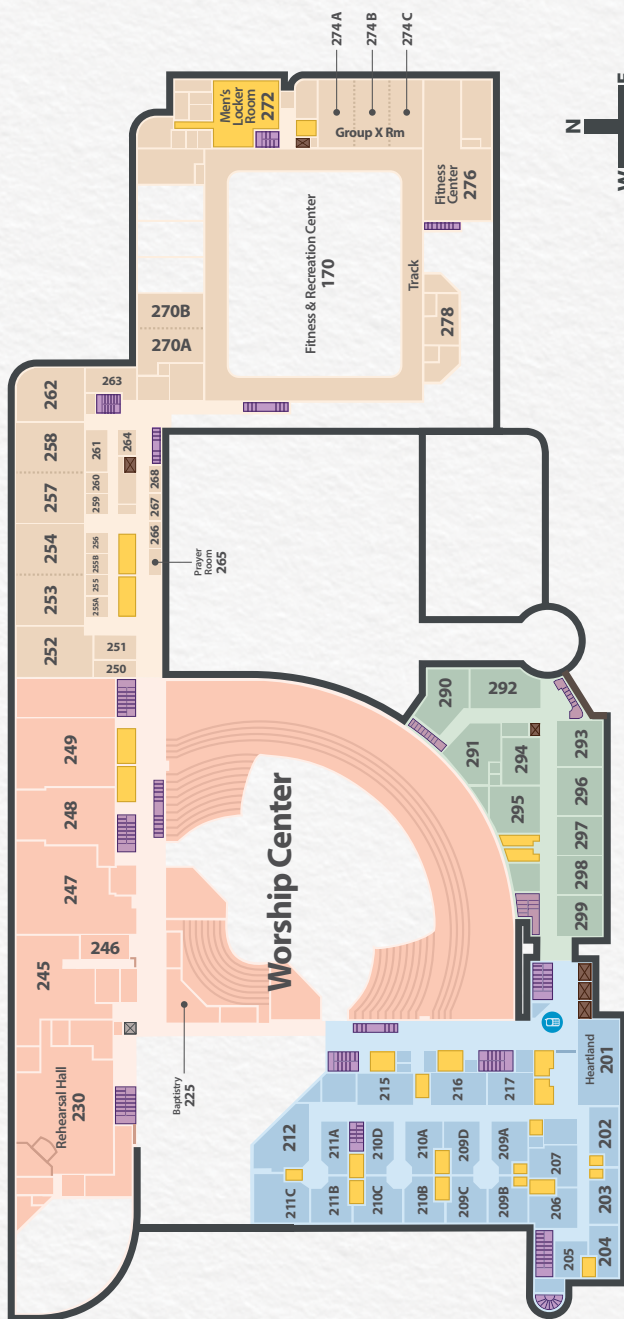
EN ESPAÑOL

Email Enrique.Puig@HoustonsFirst.org or call the en Español office at 713.957.6772.

Level 1



Level 2

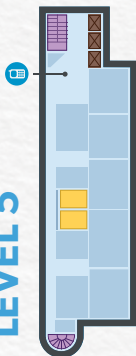


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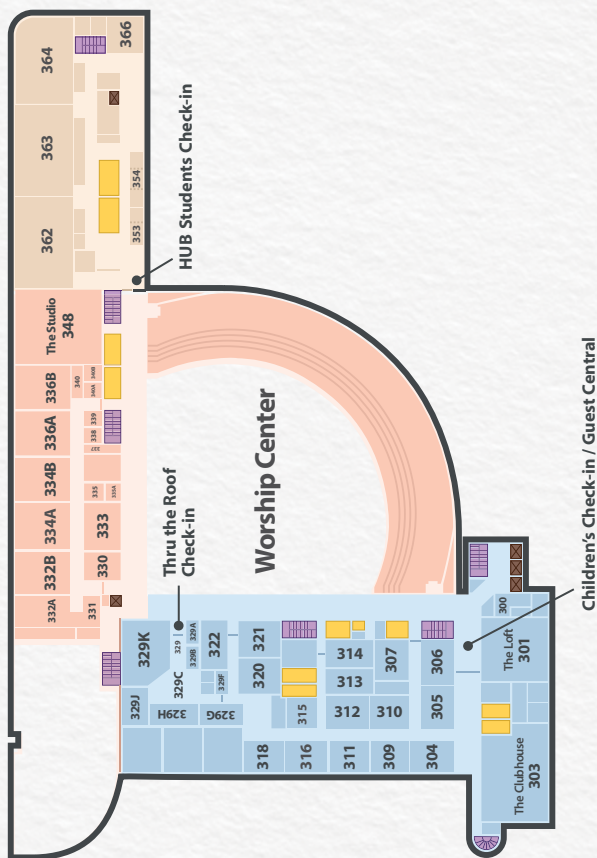
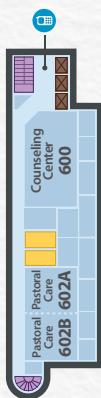
LEVEL 4



LEVEL 5



LEVEL 6



Meet the Grow Team



TIM YOUNG
Adult Education Minister

ADULT STAFF



ERIC REED
Minister of Men & Assistant
to Adult Education Minister



LISA CALVERT
Interim Director of Women's Ministry



BRANDON AYERS
Minister to Singles and
Metro Venue Pastor



JOE DOUGHARTY
Minister of Single Parents
and Blended Families



BRAD TALBERT
Minister to Married Adults and
Venue Pastor of The4



DON MUNTUN
Minister to Adult 2



BEN PRITCHETT
Minister to Senior Adults

EN ESPAÑOL



KIKE PUIG
Ministro en Español



TONY BIANCO
Interim Director of NextGen and
Minister to Students

NEXTGEN STAFF



BRIANNA SAUNDERS
Minister of Preschool
& Kindergarten Ministry



BILL EMEOTT
Children's Minister



DANIEL WILLIAMS
Minister to Special Needs Families

Sundays at Houston's First The Loop Campus

WORSHIP 9:30a • 11a • 4p | en Español 11a
(All offered on campus and online. Visit HoustonFirst.org for details.)

LIFE BIBLE STUDIES 8a • 9:15a • 10:45a • 5:30p
en Español 9:30a

Visit HoustonFirst.org or text **FIRST** to **44322** for Sunday schedules for our Cypress, Downtown, and Sienna campuses.