



# LIFE BIBLE STUDY

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# 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.

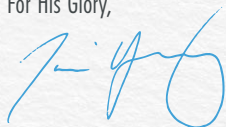
We also believe, as our Life Bible Study purpose statement says, that our LBS ministry is the church organized to gather people, grow people, and to give ministry away to others in and through your class.

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](mailto: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 50s—early 70s R 262

D Paul Simon T Wade Watkins and Chris Deily

### Encore (Adults Ages 67+)

#### MORNING STAR

FOR Adults ages 73+ R 132

D James & Shirley Goode T Bob Christian

### Women

#### A NEW JOURNEY

FOR Widows ages 40+ R 179 (Harbor Rm)

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 18—26 R 179 (Harbor Rm)

D Duncan Crosby and Allison Polnac T Teaching Team

#### SELAH

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

D Zach Turman and Courtney Townsend T David Gober

#### PURSUIT

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

D Joshua Reisner

T Craig & Shannon Bloodworth

#### PETROS

FOR Single adults ages 26—33 R 170 (SE Gym)

T Andrea Kim and Sandy Wright

#### HEBREWS 10:24

FOR Single adults ages 26—33 R 170 (SW Gym)

D Warner Scott T Alex Phillips

#### DELTA

FOR Single adults ages 26—33 R 170 (NE Gym)

D Scott Attaway and Lindsay Rubenstein T Teaching Team

### Young Single Adults (30s—early 40s)

#### Sojourn Ministries

#### FERVENT

FOR Single adults ages 30s—early 40s R 180 (Oasis Rm)

D Brian Green and Jane Thomas

T Derek Irish and Eric Newman

## Single Adults (40s–50s)

### Impact Ministries

#### WHITE ROCK

FOR Single adults in their 40s R 258

D Tomas Munoz T Ruben Luna and Suzan Mayoli

#### 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 Melody Olson T Lisa Schillaci

#### 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 293

D Jeffy & Amanda Thomas and Eric & Maggie Umsted

T Torrance & Alisha Wilson

## 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 Bryan & Hannah Brantley

#### ROOTED

FOR Couples married 1–4 years R 504

D Sully & Hannah Jeter and 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 2–5 years R 270B

D Boomer & Whitney White

#### ABIDE

FOR Couples married 4–8 years R 407

D Colin & Sarah Brown T Patrick Hoercher

#### REDEEMED

FOR Couples married 5–10 years R 505

D Blake & Meg Zisman T Anthony Brown

#### UNITED

FOR Couples married 4–12 years R 507

D Tyler & Shannon Tekyl T Eric Reed and Harvey Brown

#### COMMUNITAS

FOR Couples married 5–10+ years R 403

D Chad & Annie Peter T Jared McCurley and Taylor Scott

#### JOURNEY

FOR Couples married 5–10+ years R 401/402

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

### RELENTLESS

FOR Couples married 5–10+ years R 408

D Matt & Gabrielle Cooper

### BLUEPRINTS

FOR Couples married 5–10+ years R 508

D Jon & Meghan Kidwell T Steven Knudsen

### APPLICATION

FOR Adults ages 40+ (couples married 10+ yrs) R 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 252

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 D (Fellowship Center D)

D David & Julie Miller T Robert Schwartz

### THE CLIMB

FOR Adults ages 35+ (couples married 7+ years)

R 150 C (Fellowship Center C) D Bobby & Katrina Lee

T Mark Palmer, Paul Howlett, and Bobby Lee

### LOGOS

FOR Adults ages 35+ (couples married 7+ yrs) R 158 (Garden Rm)

D Lindsay McMeans and Kelly Wilkin T Bruce Wilkin, Chris McMeans,

Henry Lee, and Christian Green

### REUNION

FOR Adults ages 40+ (couples married 10+ yrs) R 501/502

D Brett & Kimberly Williams T Christi Smith, Kyle Bethancourt,

Jonathan Johnson, and Raj Parikh

## Adults all ages

### LEGACY

FOR Adults with hearts for orphaned, adopted, or foster 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 263

D Grace Muñoz T Kim Huff



## Sundays @ 10:45a

### Preschool & Kindergarten

#### First Friends

FOR Ages 0–K

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### Single Adults (40s–50s)

#### Impact Ministries

#### BRIDGING THE GAP

FOR Single adults ages 40s–50s R 253

D Richard Aliperti T Richard Thompson

### Single Parent Families/

### Blended Families

#### Single Parent Family Ministry

#### RENEW

FOR Single parents R 292 D/T Joe Dougharty

#### Blended Family Ministry

#### ALL THINGS NEW

FOR Blended families R 293

D David & Meredith Young T Mike & Alisa Jones

### Married Young Adults (to mid 40s)

#### EMBers

FOR Engaged couples, newlyweds, and beyond R 404

D Eric & Christa Julian T Jerry Kaho

#### CATALYST

FOR Couples married 5–10+ 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 Hassebrack T Bob Redweik

#### ILLUMINATE

FOR Couples married 1–3 years R 504

D Jordan & Megan Tucker T Beau & Christin Brehm

### Adult 2 (ages 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 (Fellowship Center C)

D Carolyn Arthur and Mark & Peggy Scheel T Sam Torn

#### HIS GLORY

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

D Roberto & Nancy Tepichin T Adam Mason

### Encore (ages 67+)

#### BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS

FOR Adults ages 50s–early 70s R 150 D (Fellowship Center D)

D Butch Butcher T Team teaching

#### THE LIVING WORD

FOR Adults ages 56–72 R 263

D Micah & Ester Valerio 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 254

D Dean & Diana Forbes T Bob Christian

#### IN HIS SERVICE

FOR Adults serving in Choir/Orchestra R 340

D/T Gary Hazen

#### TRUTH SEEKERS

FOR Adults ages 73+ R 258

D Everett & Joyce Sims

T Yen Tan, Judi Bott, AD Stokes, and Bill Sellers

#### THE REFINERS

FOR Adults ages 73+ R 249

D Ken & Sara Lowrimore 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 international origin, association, or interest (All ages)  
**R** 257 **D** Joe McClintock **T** John Harrington and Belinda Jackson

### **REVOLUTION WITHIN**

**FOR** Adults of all ages **R** 274 (University Room)  
**D** Stan & Bev Gore **T** Dwight Edwards

## **Women**

### **DAYSPRING**

**FOR** Women of all ages **R** 158 (Garden Rm)  
**D** Carolyn O'Neal **T** Carole Lewis and Dena Lee

## **Sundays @ 6:30p**

### **Preschool & Kindergarten (5p & 6:30p)**

#### **First Friends**

**FOR** Ages 0–K  
**FIRST TIME GUEST CHECK-IN**  
Preschool Suite Lobby on Level 1

### **Children (1st–5th)**

#### **First Kids**

**FOR** 1st–5th Graders  
White desk outside The Loft (Rm 301)

## **Students**

### **The HUB Student Ministry**

**FOR** 6th–12th Graders **R** HUB Hang Area  
**D** The HUB Staff

### **College Age 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**

##### **KALEO**

**FOR** Single adults ages 26–33 **R** 179 (Harbor Rm)  
**D** Kojo Prah **T** Teaching Team

##### **REVIVAL**

**FOR** Single adults ages 20s **R** 158 (Garden Rm)  
**D** Jimmy Johnson and Ashley Nguyen **T** Rand & Debbie Wall and Steven & Nicolli Figgins

### **Young Single Adults (30s–Early 40s)**

#### **Sojourn Ministries**

##### **FORGE**

**FOR** Single adults ages 30s–early 40s **R** 180 (Oasis Rm)  
**D** Daniel Gonzales **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

##### **CONNECTED IN CHRIST**

**FOR** Single adults of all ages **R** Online only  
(For information, visit [ConnectedInChristBS.org](http://ConnectedInChristBS.org))

**D** Spoony Witherspoon **T** David Funk

##### **HEARTFIRE**

**FOR** Single and married women of all ages **R** 249  
**D/T** Kathy Epperson

### **Married Young Adults (to mid 40s)**

#### **CO-MISSION (4P)**

**FOR** Couples married 0–3 years **R** 158 (Garden Rm)  
**D** Logan & Emily Butler

##### **CROSSROADS**

**FOR** Couples married 2–10 years **R** 404/405  
**D** Grant & Kim Rainey **T** Clark Saunders

##### **HIGH ALTITUDE**

**FOR** Couples married 5–10+ years **R** 401/402  
**D** Jeremy & Heather Spell **T** Ryan Volkmer and Peter Campbell

### **Adults All Ages**

#### **JEREMIAH 29:11**

**FOR** Adults of all ages **R** 132  
**D** Bill Neighbors **T** Karl Mangrum

##### **WALKING IN HIS LIGHT**

**FOR** Married couples navigating mid-life **R** 252  
**D** Carlos Garza and Brian Kryger **T** Carlos & Mary Jo Garza

## **Women**

### **HEARTFIRE**

**FOR** Single and married women of all ages **R** 249  
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## Sunday Heartland

9:15a & 11a

**PRE-K HEARTLAND WORSHIP**

**FOR** PK4 **R** 207

**KINDERGARTEN HEARTLAND WORSHIP**

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

5p

**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)

5p

1st & 2nd grades

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

## En Español

Servicio en español @ 11a en el Chapel

Domingos @ 9:15a

Clase para Adultos

**VIDA CON PROPÓSITO**

**R** 249 **T** Equipo de maestros

# Sunday Planning Guide

<b>8a</b>		<b>LIFE BIBLE STUDIES</b>	
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<b>9:15a</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> Worship Center Choir & Orchestra	<b>LIFE BIBLE STUDIES</b>	<b>HEARTLAND WORSHIP</b> PK 4 Rm 207 <b>Kindergarten</b> Rm 201	<b>CLUBHOUSE WORSHIP</b> 1st & 2nd Graders The Clubhouse (303)
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<b>10:45a</b>		<b>LIFE BIBLE STUDIES</b>	<b>HEARTLAND WORSHIP</b> PK 4 Rm 207 <b>Kindergarten</b> Rm 201	<b>CLUBHOUSE WORSHIP</b> 1st & 2nd Graders The Clubhouse (303)
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<b>11a</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> Worship Center Band <b>Chapel</b> En Español		
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<b>5p</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> Worship Center Band		<b>HEARTLAND WORSHIP</b> PK 4 – Kindergarten Rm 201	<b>CLUBHOUSE WORSHIP</b> 1st & 2nd Graders The Clubhouse (303)
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<b>6:30p</b>		<b>LIFE BIBLE STUDIES</b>
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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](http://HoustonsFirst.org) or call 713.681.8000.

## Baptism

### CHILDREN

Email [Rae.Edwards@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Rae.Edwards@HoustonsFirst.org) or call the Children's Ministry office to sign up at 713.957.7622.

### STUDENTS

Email [Linda.Sproule@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Linda.Sproule@HoustonsFirst.org) or call the Student Ministry office at 713.957.7631.

### ADULTS

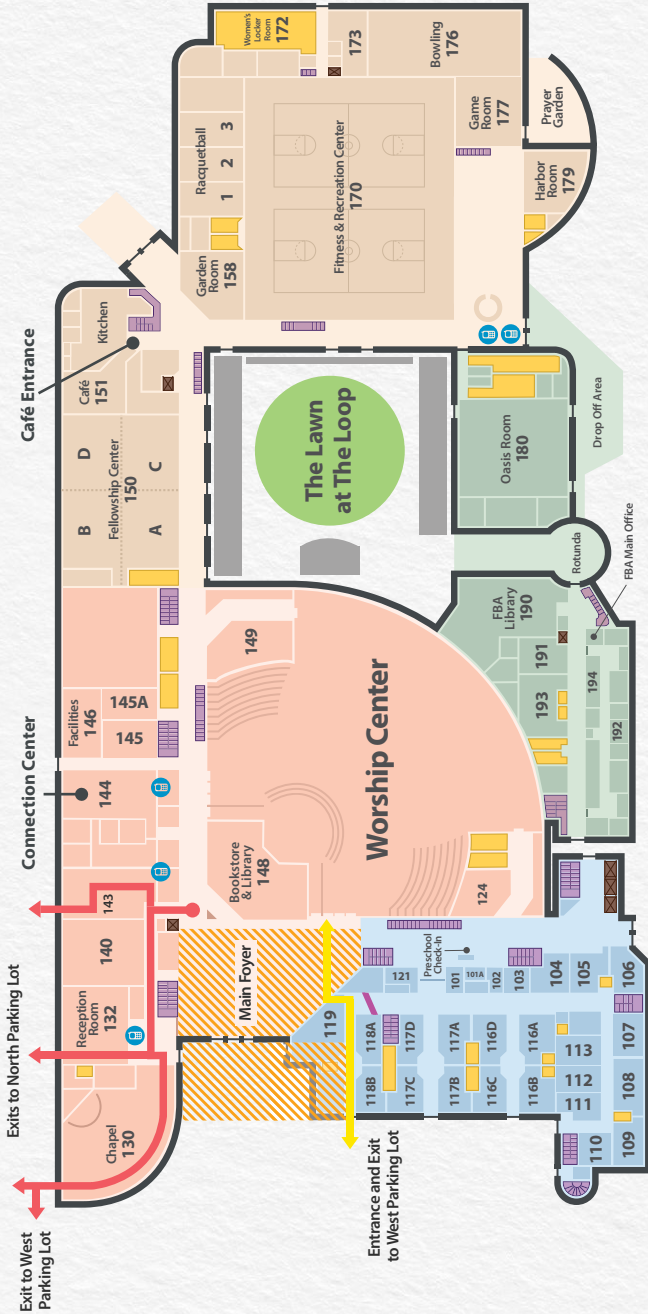
Email [Kevin.Spivey@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Kevin.Spivey@HoustonsFirst.org), call 713.957.5865 or visit the Connection Center.

### EN ESPAÑOL

Email [Enrique.Puig@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Enrique.Puig@HoustonsFirst.org) or call the en Español office at 713.957.6772.



# Level 1 (Sunday only)



# Level 2

Phone



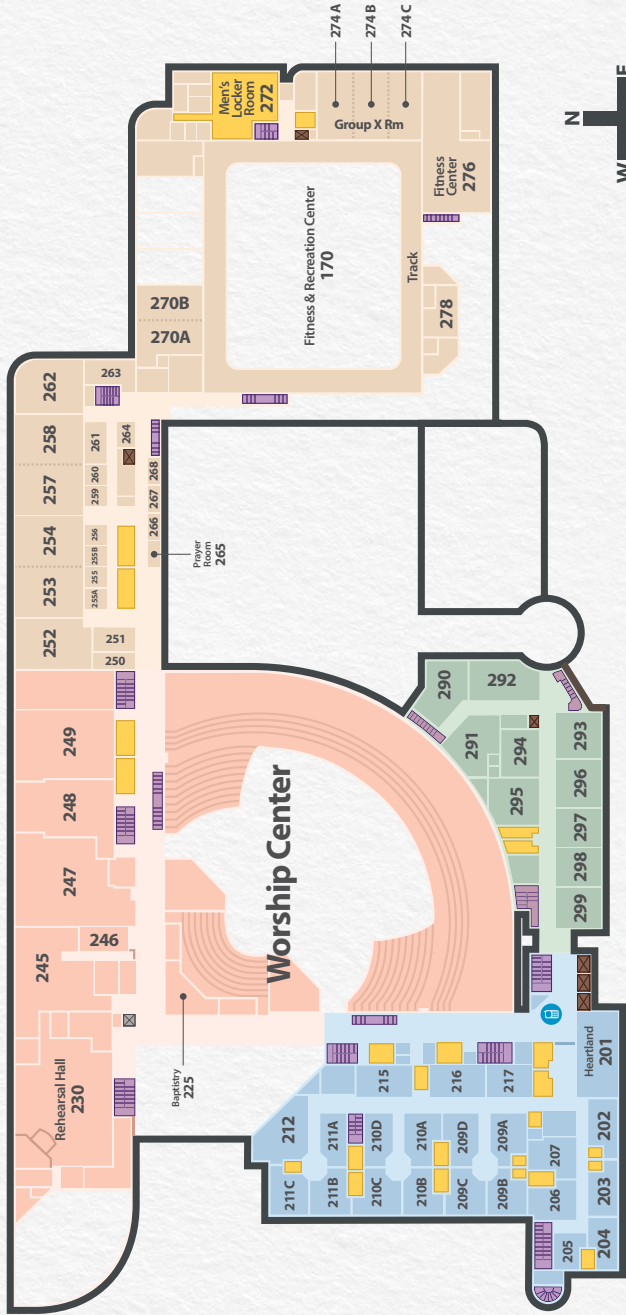
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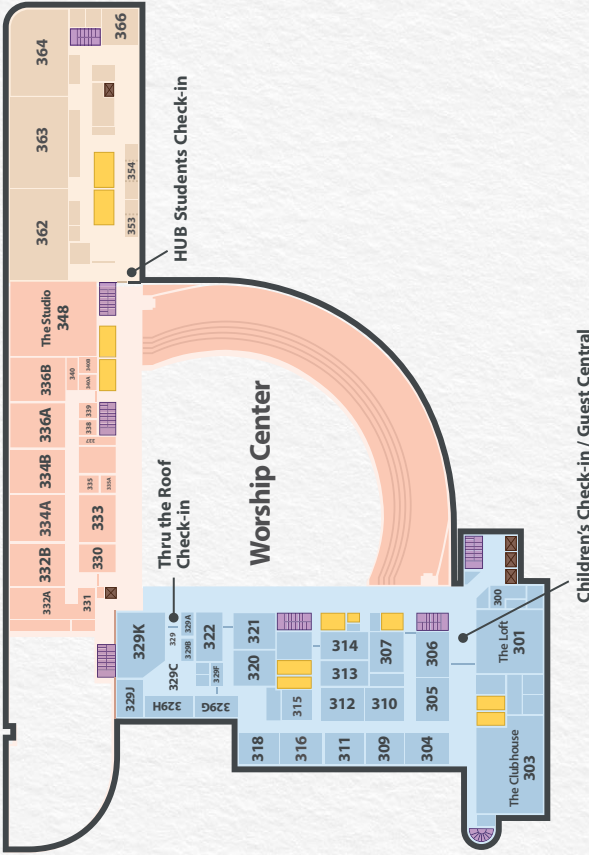
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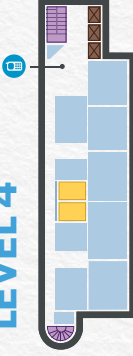
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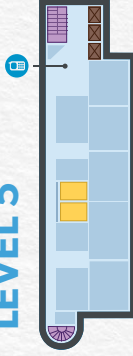
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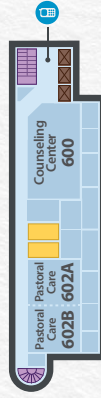
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## LEVEL 5



## LEVEL 6





# Meet the Grow Team



**TIM YOUNG**  
Adult Education Minister

## ADULT STAFF



**ERIC REED**  
Minister of Men & Assistant  
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Director of Women's Ministry



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Metro Venue Pastor



**JOE DOUGHARTY**  
Minister of Single Parents  
and Blended Families



**BRAD TALBERT**  
Minister to Married Adults and  
Venue Pastor of the5



**DON MUNTON**  
Minister to Adult 2



**BEN PRITCHETT**  
Minister to Senior Adults



**ENRIQUE PUIG**  
Ministro en Español



**DOUG BISCHOFF**  
Next Generations Minister

## NEXTGEN STAFF



**BRIANNA SAUNDERS**  
Director of Preschool  
& Kindergarten Ministry



**BILL EMEOTT**  
Children's Minister



**KIM SHELBY**  
Associate Director of  
Children's Ministries



**DANIEL WILLIAMS**  
Minister to Special Needs Families



**TONY BIANCO**  
Minister to Students



**JOHN FRENCH**  
Minister to Middle School Students



**JACOB BAGGETT**  
Minister to High School Students

Sundays at Houston's First  
The Loop Campus

**WORSHIP** 9:30a • 11a • 5p | en Español 12:30p  
*(All offered on campus and online. Visit [HoustonFirst.org](https://HoustonFirst.org) for details.)*

**LIFE BIBLE STUDIES** 8a • 9:15a • 10:45a • 6:30p  
en Español 9:30a

Visit [HoustonFirst.org](https://HoustonFirst.org) or text **FIRST** to **44322** for Sunday schedules for our Cypress, Downtown, and Sienna campuses.