

## HOW DO YOU REBUILD A SOCIETY?

Feb 21, 2016 • Pastor Gregg Matte • Ezra 3:1–12 (p. 303 in HCSB provided)

### ▶ Big question: How do you rebuild a society?

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the People:
  - Build a foundation of worshipping God and godly teaching. *The Book of Ezra*
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Nation:
  - Establish the walls of national identity. *The Book of Nehemiah*

### ▶ Believers \_\_\_\_\_ : sacrificially (in the midst of fear) and by the Word. *Deuteronomy 13:4; Daniel 3:28; John 4:23*

### ▶ The call to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is answered. *Jeremiah 17:5–9; II Corinthians 3:5; Galatians 5:22–23*

### ▶ A strong and \_\_\_\_\_ is celebrated. *Psalms 11:3; Luke 6:46–49; I Corinthians 3:11*

**What do think? How do you rebuild a society?**

## BE A DIFFERENCEMAKER

Make a difference by casting your vote in the Primary Election during early voting through Friday, February 26, or on Election Day, Tuesday, March 1. “Voting as political participation is a way of telling our neighbors—believers and nonbelievers alike—that we too are committed to a vision of the good life. We care about their well-being, even on issues that are secondary to eternal matters. For politics concerns decisions that contribute to a free society in which people can worship, evangelize, provide food for the hungry and clothing to the naked, schools for learning, and justice for the poor. Our Father in heaven knows we need these things too, and he uses our action in the voting booth in part to provide them.” — Micah Watson, TheGospelCoalition.com

Share your stories at [HoustonsFirst.org/MyStory](http://HoustonsFirst.org/MyStory) and on social media with **#diffmakers**.

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Visit [HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer) for details about the following opportunities and nearly 100 other ways you can serve His Kingdom.

### CREATIVE ARTS TEAM: RECORDING/MIXING ENGINEER

#### Production

Nick.Rosenbaum@HoustonsFirst.org

### MULTI-CULTURAL CHURCH SERVICES TEAM

#### Faith Center

Claudia.Reyes@HoustonsFirst.org

### CONNECTION CENTER TEAM

#### Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

Malcolm.Marshall@HoustonsFirst.org

### LUNCH BUNCH

#### Culinary Services

Lori.Smith@HoustonsFirst.org

### JAIL/PRISON MINISTRY TEAM

#### Local Missions

David.Trickett@charmprisonministry.org

### FIRST FRIENDS TEAM

#### Preschool & Kindergarten

Tonya.Nelson@HoustonsFirst.org

## ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

During worship services at The Loop Campus, complimentary devices may be checked out from the Receptionist Desk in the Main Foyer.



## MOBILE GIVING

Share your generosity with Houston's First via your mobile device! Text "HFBCLoop" to 77977 to receive a link where you can make a one-time donation or establish recurring giving. Donations can

be made to the following:

- Great Commission Budget
- Local Missions
- Benevolence
- Unstoppable Gospel: The Offering (also known as the World Mission Offering)

## DECISIONS FEB 14, 2016

### Baptized

Christopher Grimes  
Peter Vescovo

### For Baptism

Lindsey Faulk  
Derick Oubre  
Karen Quareshi

### From Other Fellowship

Kaleb Faulk  
Xuan Lam  
Kelly Law  
Timothy Matthew

Casey Miller  
Jeffrey Miller  
Rhonda Miller  
Roxana Sinisterra

## BIRTHS

- Will & Cathren Saunders in the birth of their son, Wilson James.
- Chris & Nikki Kurr in the birth of their son, James Preston.

## SYMPATHIES

- Tim & Nancy Timpani in the loss of his father, Joseph "Tim" Timpani.
- Family and friends in the loss of Miriam "Mim" Esther Long Doby.
- Joe Holland in the loss of his wife, Ann Holland.
- Alice Spencer and family in the loss of her husband, Tom Spencer.
- Family and friends in the loss of Elaine Harrigan.
- Alan & Kelli Durham in the loss of her father.

## ATTENDANCE FEB 14, 2016

Life Bible Study	5,331
Mission Bible Study	165
MidLink (The Loop)	1,508
Weekday Milestones	816
<b>Total Bible Study</b>	<b>7,820</b>

## Generosity AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

### Week ending Feb 14, 2016

First-time givers	60
Total number of givers	1,115

### Great Commission Giving

Weekly Total	\$415,438
Requirements	\$550,124
Fiscal Year Total	\$18,959,392
Requirements	\$19,953,596
Over/(Under)	(\$994,204)

(Fiscal Year is Jul 1–Jun 30)

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