

# CHURCH...REVISITED.

We continually remember before our God and Father  
your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love,  
and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:3

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## **Church Revisited**

1 Thessalonians 1:4-5 (p. 835)

- The power of identity in Christ makes a difference.  
2 Corinthians 5:17 (p.819)

- The power of Good News makes a difference.  
Romans 1:16 (p. 796); Hebrews 4:12 (p. 847)

- Words + Life = Impact

- The power of changed lives makes a difference.  
1 Corinthians 11:1 (p. 812)

The power comes from the cross.

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## Ready To Get In The Game?

Visit **HoustonsFirst.org** and click on the “Volunteer” quicklink at the bottom of the home page. You’ll be taken to a listing of over 100 opportunities to volunteer! Scan the whole list, or jump straight to a ministry that interests you. Then, complete and submit a brief online form and a team leader will contact you soon!

While every team is taking volunteers, here are some of our particular needs right now. Look for these online or contact the team leader below for more information.

- 1. Food Pantry Team (Missions Training Center).** Volunteers will assist the needy by distributing food and sharing Jesus with them. This is a great opportunity to serve the hurting people of the surrounding community. (Claudia Reyes; Claudia.Reyes@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.681.3521)
- 2. Sunday School Leadership (Preschool & Kindergarten).** Volunteers will serve young children weekly or bi-weekly. They will provide a stable atmosphere for the children and prepare activities and lessons that teach Biblical truth. We have 36 Preschool & Kindergarten Sunday School classes, with each class needing at least four adults. If you've ever wanted to make a difference in the life of a child, this is the perfect opportunity to do so! (Laura SanchezQuan; laura.sanchezquan@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7611)
- 3. Stephen Ministry (Pastoral Care).** Volunteers will equip lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals at HFBC and the community who are experiencing difficulty in their lives. (Rick Jones; Rick.Jones@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.7670)
- 4. International Student Friendship Ministry Team (Prayer, Missions & Connection Center).** The International Student Friendship Ministry (ISFM) is a missions ministry that provides a Christian friend to every international student who request an American friend during their term of study. ISFM is a non live-in friendship ministry open to all Christian families and single adults. (Marie Downing; Downings@flash.net; 713.956.6052)
- 5. Happy Smiling Faces (Special Events).** Volunteers will represent HFBC in a variety of greeting and preparation duties to host our state convention's annual meeting, November 9-11. There will be a number of time slots available over the 3 day period with 1 orientation meeting required. (Jacque Killingsworth; Jacque.Killingsworth@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.5843)
- 6. First Fest Volunteers (Recreation).** Do you love planning parties or other events? Do you want to reach the community? If so, you're invited to help us plan this year's First Fest! First Fest is an annual HFBC tradition where our kids are given a safe alternative to Halloween. (Becky Kiser; Becky.Kiser@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.957.6702)