

# 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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1 Thessalonians 2:1-6 & Acts 16:22-31 (p. 835 & p. 784)

### • What is Failure?

#### - Positioning ourselves

Giving up under opposition, stemming from selfishness  
and fear Galatians 6:9 (p. 826)

Insincerity and impurity

### • What is Success?

#### - Sincerity stemming from humility

Approved by God

Entrusted with responsibility: His message Titus 1:3 (p. 844)

Live to please Him, not them Galatians 1:10 (p. 823)

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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. 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, Nov 9-11, 2008. 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)
- 2. First Fest Volunteers (Recreation).** Do you love playing games and having fun? Do you want to reach the community? If so, you're invited to volunteer for 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)
- 3. Jail/Prison Ministry Team (Prayer, Missions & Connection Center).** Volunteers will interact with inmates through one-on-one mentoring, teaching, preaching, praise and worship and other contacts, such as prayers and letters of encouragement. (Dan Craig; dancraig@iglide.net; 281.382.7951)
- 4. 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)
- 5. 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 requests 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)
- 6. Shrink-Wrap (Counseling Center).** Volunteers will take on the tasks of reading and researching, while forming usable resources for counselors and clients. If you are passionate about reading theology & psychology and enjoy taking lots of information and shrink-wrapping it to usable amounts, then this is the team for you. (David Wells; david.wells@HoustonsFirst.org; 713.335.6464)