

## WORDS WITH FRIENDS: GROWTH

May 25, 2014 • Pastor Gregg Matte • 2 Peter 3:17–18

### ► Growth does a few things:

• Growth \_\_\_\_\_ — We have to face our insecurity and lack.  
*James 1:2-4; James 1:12*

• Growth \_\_\_\_\_ — We grow to a new place.

• Growth \_\_\_\_\_ — God has more to do in us and through us.

### ► How do we grow? **Grace and knowledge.**

*1 Corinthians 3:6-7; Philippians 1:9; Colossians 1:10*

• \_\_\_\_\_ : Fail \_\_\_\_\_ ; Learn and live differently.

• \_\_\_\_\_ : Deeper intimacy not just deeper intelligence.  
*Philippians 3:7 & 10; Colossians 1:9*

- Talk — \_\_\_\_\_. (*Jeremiah 33:3*)

- \_\_\_\_\_ — God speaks through His word.

- Live — \_\_\_\_\_ your faith. (*1 Peter 2:1–2*)

- Placement — position yourself to \_\_\_\_\_.

### TAKE AWAY:

**Head: I want and need to grow.**

**Heart: Failure and intimacy bring growth.**

**Hands: Do one new thing mentioned above this week.**



# 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.

### BAPTISM TEAM

**Prayer, Missions & Connection Center**  
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### CHILDREN'S SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY

#### First Kids

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### PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM

**Prayer, Missions & Connection Center**  
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### HEARTLAND VOLUNTEERS

#### Preschool & Kindergarten

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### FIRST H.O.P.E. CAREER COACHING TEAM

#### Counseling Center

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### MULTI-CULTURAL CHURCH SERVICES TEAM

#### Faith Center

John.Gresham@HoustonsFirst.org

## GIVING — WEEK ENDING MAY 18, 2014

MISSION 1:8 Weekly Giving	\$764,488
MISSION 1:8 Weekly Goal	\$609,890
MISSION 1:8 Over/(Under) for May	\$181,554
Other Designated Giving	\$63,373
<b>MISSION 1:8 YTD</b>	<b>\$48,989,314</b>
(Giving to MISSION 1:8 is from Mar 2013-Feb 2015)	

## ATTENDANCE MAY 18, 2014

Life Bible Study	4,678
Mission Bible Study	492
<b>Total Bible Study</b>	<b>5,170</b>

## DECISIONS MAY 18, 2014

### Baptized

Bennett Lang  
Graceann DeVlieger

Kelly Graser  
Laura Scroggins

### For Baptism

Jacob Andrews  
Cynthia Elias  
Matthew Fahnestock  
Mallory Franta  
Ray Hernandez

Charlie Puac  
Dorya Rincon  
Brandon Smith  
Hannah Townsend  
Anna Williams

### From Other Fellowships

Maria Andrade  
Raul Andrade  
Erin Brumfield  
Kelly Day  
Abby Fahnestock  
Mary Fahnestock  
Matt Fahnestock  
Justin Lamb

Megan Lamb  
Judy Oelke  
Stephanie Otto  
Rob Quarles  
Marquisha Reed  
Travis Smith  
Jaquelyn Tullos  
Andrea White

### By Statement

Amiee Lumiere  
Joshua Mathew  
Susan Mathew  
Kirby Miller

Mike Miller  
Grant Norton  
Lance Oelke

## SYMPATHIES

- LaRue Coleman in the loss of his wife, Beverly Coleman; Brittney & Kevin Blasingame and Ward Coleman in the loss of their mom; Haily, Luke, Tieran, and Finley in the loss of their grandmother
- Michael & Claudia Connell in the loss of their son, Michael Anthony Connell
- Sobhy & Julie Girgis in the loss of his mother, Wadad Girgis

## BIRTHS

- Ryan & Annette Bishop in the birth of their daughter, Caroline Ruth, Sibling: Camille
- Thomas & Emmely Saman in the birth of their twins, Brock Carter & Stelle Juliette, Siblings: Grant & Skye
- Brock & Jessica Meter in the birth of their daughter, Elise Kaylee

## CONNECT WITH US



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