

## GOD CONTROLS KINGS & EVERYTHING

Jan 31, 2016 • Pastor Gregg Matte • Ezra 1 (p. 302 in HCSB provided)

### DIFFERENCEMAKER DECLARATION

*I was made for more than watching.*

*I have a history-changing, difference-making, life-giving, Spirit-empowered legacy to leave.*

*Jesus, I ask You to work deeply in me and clearly through me as I pray, give, and go in Your love.*

*I am a difference-maker.*

*In Jesus' name, Amen!*

• **Ezra is about the return of the Jews after 70 years of Babylonian exile and rebuilding of the Temple.**

• **Ezra is about the sovereign** \_\_\_\_\_.

▶ **God is in** \_\_\_\_\_ **and has a** \_\_\_\_\_.

• He knows the \_\_\_\_\_ . *Isaiah 44:28; Jeremiah 25:12; 29:10–14; 1 Timothy 2:1–2*

• He even \_\_\_\_\_ to kings, rulers, and leaders.

▶ \_\_\_\_\_ **His people for His plan.**

▶ \_\_\_\_\_ **resources for His plan.**

*Exodus 15:22–27; Matthew 6:25–34; Philemon 4:19*

### BE A DIFFERENCEMAKER

When it comes to being a Difference-maker, God's love is key. His love is transformational. It changes things.

The Apostle Paul said that that any Difference-making efforts, words, or deeds will fall flat if they are pursued without love (1 Corinthians 13:1–4). Ask the Lord to make you a conduit of His love to a broken world.

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.

### KIDS' CLUB HOMEWORK HELPERS

#### Faith Center

Jessica.Nolte@HoustonsFirst.org

#### ORCHESTRA

#### Music & Worship

Eric.Belvin@HoustonsFirst.org

#### ELIJAH RISING

#### Local Missions

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### MIDLINK WELCOME TEAM

#### NextGen

Katie.Walker@HoustonsFirst.org

### PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM

#### Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

Kevin.Spivey@HoustonsFirst.org

### TECH COACH

#### Adult Enrichment

Tracie.Bowman@HoustonsFirst.org

## DECISIONS JAN 24, 2016

### Baptized

Mia Ahn  
Jenny Dietz  
Chloe Kim

Kacee Senter  
Presley Winfree

### For Baptism

Morgan Bellows  
Cydney Currie  
William Dai

Leah Fiedler  
Alan Starnes  
Ali Starnes

### From Other Fellowship

Kolby Buckner  
Laura Buckner  
Rashid Lane  
Hope Manley  
Guy Tabor

Jo Tabor  
Caylen Wall  
Sondra Warner  
Jaclynn Zimowski  
Joseph Zimowski

### Statement

Caleb Burris  
Sarah Burris  
Aaron Campbell  
Emily Campbell

Janae Lyon  
Grace Mendizabal  
Mauro Mendizabal

## BIRTHS

- Chris & Paige McInturff in the birth of their daughter, Mabry Frances; Doak, brother.

## SYMPATHIES

- Family and friends of Clifford Dale Reeves.
- David & Amy Ratliff in the loss of their son, Benjamin; Jack, brother.
- Mike & Diane McNulty in the loss of his father; Stuart and Collin, grandchildren.

## 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)

## Generosity

AT HOUSTON'S FIRST

Week ending Jan 24, 2016

First-time givers 39

Total number of givers 1,070

Great Commission Giving total \$390,094

Thank you for giving to the ministry and missional impact of Houston's First!

## ATTENDANCE JAN 24, 2016

Life Bible Study 5,525

Mission Bible Study 108

Total Bible Study 5,633

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