

FIRST EDITION

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July 22, 2007 713.681.8000



BUILDING BRIDGES TO UNDERSTANDING

Matthew 16:13-16, 21, 24-25

This Sunday, July 22, we continue the 4-part series entitled "Building Bridges" with "Building Bridges to Understanding"

Guest Speaker Afshin Ziafat



Sunday Bible Studies Available:

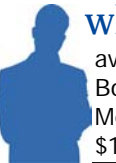


- 8:00, 9:10 & 10:30 AM
- 12:00 & 5:15 PM



Share Your Faith Workshops

August 18, 8:30 AM-4:00 PM, Fellowship Center. You will love the insight and wisdom of this method, along with the ease of the instruction. Multi-media, lecture and practice infuse this "on-the-go" style of evangelism. Cost: \$15.00 lunch and materials. Click on "Sign Up For Events" at www.HoustonsFirst.org. Call **713.957.7661** for information.



why? CD Series **NOW** available in The Garden Bookstore and The Sloan Memorial Library. \$15 set; \$20 two sets.



METRO LIVE Bible Study

Thursdays through August 16, 7:30 PM. Bible teacher Jeff Mangum. Worship led by Zach Hendricks and special guests.



Deacons Meeting and Church Conference August 5 • HFBC

- Deacon Administrative Committee: **2:30-3:30 PM.** (Room 143)
- Deacon Meeting: **3:30-4:45 PM.**
- Church Conference: **4:45-4:55 PM.**

It's Game Time!



Visit HoustonsFirst.org for details about two upcoming special events!

WOMENS MINISTRIES BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesdays

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

September 5 – December 5

9:30 AM-12:00 PM, Room 249.

Kimberlee Johannesen, Coordinator
1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

MOPS is a program designed to nurture mothers with children from birth through kindergarten. Come join other moms for food, fellowship, discussion and craft time each month. Contact **Tammy Ganze** at ganze@sbcglobal.net or **281.999.7131** or **Jessica Martinez** at jessica.martinez@hfbc.org or **713.957.7642**.

Tuesdays

MotherWise – "Wisdom for Mothers"

September 11 – November 13.

9:30 AM-12:30 PM, Room 249. Claire Turner. A lifeline for mothers of all ages and stages, this study provides the solid, biblical instruction moms need to rear godly children in an ever-shifting culture. Books available in the Garden Bookstore.

STUDENT MINISTRY



On Sunday August 5, Doug Bischoff joins the HFBC staff as Student

Minister. Doug and his wife Wendy have four children; Lucas, Bailey, Micah, and Ruth Ann. Although Doug is new on staff, he has been associated with HFBC since 1994 through the Houston Project. Doug is a graduate of Missouri State University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in Education at Southwestern in the area of Student Ministry. He has previously served churches in Missouri, Saudi Arabia and Texas. Doug's passion and his heart for student ministry is about surrounding students with healthy relationships and preparing them to be mature life long followers of Christ. Please pray for Doug and his family as they begin the process of relocating to Houston.

Worship Guide

July 22, 2007, 9:10 AM

The Assembly



Music Preparing Us for Worship

Organ Prelude

Our Songs of Joyful Praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (8)
Come, Thou Fount (2)

Prayer and Welcome

Jason Swiggart

Testimony of Baptism

Worship Through Giving

O How I Love Jesus (529)
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (335)

Choir

Redeemer, Savior, Friend
Monica Pizana, soloist

Message

Building Bridges to Understanding
Matthew 16:13-16, 21, 24-25
Afshin Ziafat

Our Response

I Surrender All (366)

Dismissed to Lives of Worship

David Self

Organ Postlude

Paula Blackmon

For the purpose of love and support of the Body, everyone is encouraged to stay through the decision time.

Thank you for turning off your cell phones during the service.

Gregg Matte, Pastor
Marcus Berry, guest Worship Leader

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

Please complete tear-off and place in the offering plate.

- ☐ I am a member of Houston's First Baptist Church.
 - ☐ I am a member of another church in the city.
 - ☐ I am not a member of a church in the Houston area.
- Please accept in the mail a complimentary 4-week subscription to our newsletter, "The First Edition".

- ☐ I would like to talk to someone about the Christian life.
- ☐ I would like to talk to someone about Church membership.
- ☐ I prayed to receive Christ today.
- ☐ Please contact me with more information about HFBC ministries.
- ☐ I would like to receive information about Sunday Bible Studies.

Guests: How did you hear about First Baptist?

- ☐ Newspaper, Magazine, or Internet Ad (name) _____
- ☐ Phone Book/Yellow Pages
- ☐ Invited by a friend or family member
- ☐ HFBC Website ☐ Radio
- ☐ Other (describe) _____

Name: _____

- ☐ Check if this is a change of address.

Address: _____

- ☐ Please send me the church newsletter for 4 weeks

Apt #: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Hm # (his) (____) _____

Hm # (hers) (____) _____

Wk # (his) (____) _____

Wk # (hers) (____) _____

e-Mail (his) _____

Address: (hers) _____

Birth (his) _____

Date: (hers) _____

School Grade: _____

Marital Status:

- ☐ Single ☐ Married (# of years) _____
- ☐ Widowed ☐ Engaged _____

DECISIONS JULY 15, 2007

Baptized

Nicholas Blake, S3BB
Jodi Grimes, S3BA
Mike Jaffe, ACEA
Kendall Lacombe S2EC
Eddie Lang, CWBA
Shelby McPhail, YFCA
Jeanae Morris, MYBF
Joshua Warren, C2CB

For Baptism

Jennifer Nagle, S2EA

From Other Fellowships

Jasmin Benjamin, S2BB
Sara Slabisak, ACBA

* Correction

From Other Fellowships

Nena Buckley, AUAB

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Using the offering envelopes pre-printed with your name and envelope number greatly reduces the research time spent by Financial Services and aids the tracking of your contributions for year-end statements. To order pre-printed envelopes, please call Membership Services, 713.957.5870.

WEEKLY SUMMARY



ATTENDANCE, JULY 15, 2007

Sunday Bible Study2,632
Missions Bible Study.....1,324
Weekday Bible Study2,255
Total6,211

Wednesday Night644

GIVING WEEK ENDING JULY 15, 2007

Tithes & Offerings.....\$280,647
Weekly Requirements\$271,158
Over/(Under).....\$9,489
Designated Gifts.....\$65,882
Over/(Under) for July(\$30,592)

► **EVANGELISM EXPLOSION**

“EE...Effective!

“On-the-Job Training (OJT) through the EE program for me has been an opportunity to experience just how ripe the fields are for the harvest of God’s Kingdom. Witnessing the power of the Holy Spirit through the people we shared with was indescribable. Out of the 25 contacts our team shared the gospel 15 times and 7 people made a profession of faith!

How exciting is that? Praise The Lord!”

– Linda Askin, graduate of Level 3 of the “EE” 13 week semester



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EE Semester Banquet

Let’s Get Together! **August 26**, 5:00 PM, Fellowship Center. Let’s Eat and Talk! “Evangelism Explosion” is the topic; the method we use to equip ourselves to get out the good news of Jesus Christ to people in need, whether a few feet or half a world away. Let’s See and Hear! Enjoy an introduction to the course with some real-life experiences. Childcare available. Click on “Sign Up For Events” at www.HoustonsFirst.org. Call **713.957.7661** for more info.

► **FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY**

Staff Anniversaries

First Baptist Academy congratulates the following faculty members for their years of service:

10 Years: Donna Hester and Claudia Connell

15 Years: Diane Murrell

25 Years: Lorna Dezell and Linda Wallace

Summer Showcase

FBA’s Administrators, Staff, and Parents invite your family to our Summer Showcase on **Sunday, July 22**, 12:30 PM. Please join us for lunch in the FBA Karen Lennard Lee Library for fellowship and to learn more about our wonderful school. Please call **713.290.2522** to RSVP (seating is limited). FBA currently has limited availability in our Early Childhood Program–8th grade for the 2007–2008 school year. Financial aid available for HFBC members with students in Kindergarten–8th grade (all information verified through Membership Services).

► **FIRST PLACE MATTERS**

“This First Place journey has completely transformed my life. Beyond being a health program, it is a spiritual adventure! Thank you, thank you, thank you!” – Delilah Dirksen, Hampton, NH



► **IMPACT MINISTRIES** Singles 40–60

Houston Astros vs LA Dodgers

Monday, July 23, 7:05 PM. Cost: \$9.00. Join the gang at Minute Maid Park for a great evening.

Seating is limited, so reserve your spot early.

Register and pay in the AE office or online at www.HoustonsFirst.org by clicking on “Sign Up For Events.” For more information, call Adult Enrichment, **713.957.7691** or email adult.enrichment@hfbc.org.



Western Caribbean Bible Cruise January 12–17, 2008 Singles 40–60

PASSPORT REQUIRED. Cost: \$387.00 (outside cabin with window). Bible Teacher: Dr. John Bisagno. Leave the winter behind with a 5 day cruise to the Western Caribbean sailing from Galveston. Visit the ports of Progreso and Cozumel, Mexico. Sailing days will be filled with great activities, fellowship, lots of food and great times in the Word with Bro. John. Payment plan: \$25 deposit due **July 31**; \$50 due each month; final payment due December ‘07.

For more information, contact Adult Enrichment, **713.957.7691** or adult.enrichment@hfbc.org. Register and pay in the AE office or online.

Click on “Sign Up For Events” at www.HoustonsFirst.org

► **INSPIRATIONAL WRITERS ALIVE!**

Texas Christian Writers Conference

Saturday, August 4, 7:45 AM–4:30 PM, Fellowship Center. For brochure send e-mail to marthalrogers@sbcglobal.net or call **713.686.7209**.

► **MARRIED YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

Parents’ Night Out

Friday, September 14, 6:00–10:00 PM. PNO offers childcare at a reduced rate.

Have a romantic date night, go out with your friends or enjoy an activity with your Bible study class. Good news! Sign up 24 hours a day on “Sign Up for Events” at www.HoustonsFirst.org. Deadline for registration is **Sunday, September 9**. For more information call **713.957.7681** or email jenel.capes@hfbc.org.

► **MISSIONS MINISTRY**

Italy Missions Team (October 2007)

HFBC missionaries will impact students in Torino, Italy as they host Bible Based English Clubs, which serve students with English and God’s Word. To sign up for this trip click on “Sign Up For Events” at www.HoustonsFirst.org or for more information contact Ben Bringardner, HFBC member and full time missionary in Torino, Italy at ben@impactitaly.com, **888.884.9669**.

► **MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS 7/22**

DB, Asia

Missy B and **Scott V**,

Central Asia

Julie, **Pat**, **Lisa Wicker**,

Central & Eastern Europe

Lisa Jones, **Vance Kirkpatrick**, and

Nicole Morse,

Central, Eastern & Southern Africa

Linda Listrom, Global

Perry, **Fran B**, and **Betty O**,

Last Frontier

Anne Beel, **Dana Gunter**, and

Becky Lightsey,

Middle America & Caribbean

Randy G and **Amy C**,

Northern Africa & Middle East

Ivette D, **Judy J**, and **Vickie B**,

Pacific Rim

Forrest Bohlen and **Charolette Rock**,

South America

Bruce B and **Marvella T**, South Asia

Dave Acton, Western Europe

► **MINISTRY CHILD CARE**

Fall Session Registration

HFBC Church Members:

Sundays, July 22 & 29, HFBC lobby, before each service and Sunday evenings in the Preschool Suite.

Tuesday, July 24

& **Thursday, July 26**

Preschool Suite, 9:00 AM–2:00 PM.

Non-members currently enrolled:

Tuesday, July 31,

Preschool Suite

9:00 AM–2:00 PM.

Open Enrollment:

Thursday, August 2,

Preschool Suite

9:00 AM–2:00 PM.

► **PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES**

Another Incredible Journey of a Lifetime!

The November tour to Israel is full.

Many continue to inquire about going, so we have scheduled another time for you to experience the opportunity of a lifetime by visiting the Holy Land.

Visit more than fifty historical and biblical sites in Israel and return with a greater understanding and appreciation of God’s word. Tentative dates are the middle of March.

For more information call

Jim & Wanda Jean Hickey,

281.496.1525 or

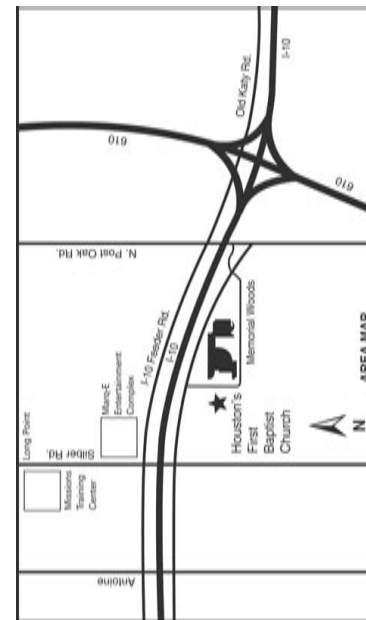
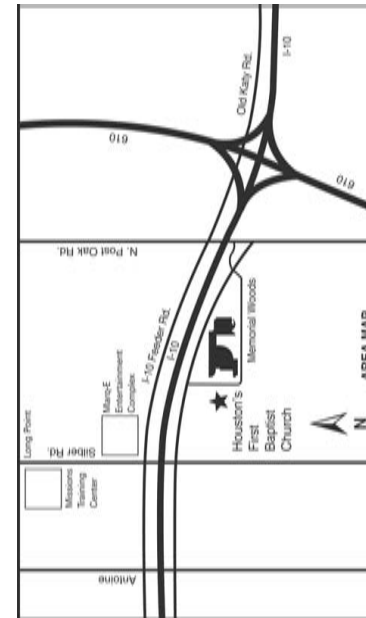
Rick & Peggy Jones,

713.562.4107 or **713.957.6760**.

Stephen Ministry Fall Session

Training classes are scheduled to start **Monday, September 10**.

Dedicated and compassionate church members will attend ten weeks of classes to begin a two year commitment of service to people who need someone to walk with them through a crisis in their life. Applications for the training should be submitted early to allow time for the admissions process. If you are interested in this confidential, caring ministry please call **713.957.6761**.



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► **HFBC BUSINESS CARDS**

Invite family, friends, and neighbors to HFBC. Take this opportunity to let others know about the Sunday Night service **“Ascend”** @ 6:30 PM (Bible Study for All Ages @ 5:15 PM)

