

FIRST EDITION

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THE CHURCH IS STILL RELEVANT

Acts 2:1-13 & 22:1-2
This Sunday, August 12, Pastor Gregg returns with the 3-part series entitled "The Church is still RELEVANT"

Pastor Gregg Matte



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.
See inside for more details!

Promotion Sunday

August 19 begins a new year in Sunday Bible studies – especially preschoolers through students! Read inside to learn more!

"Make room for visitors – park off-site!"

HFBC NIGHT AT MINUTE MAID PARK



Visit HoustonsFirst.org for details about this upcoming special event!

New & Prospective Member Orientation
Sunday, August 19
with Pastor Gregg

Lunch: 12:00 Noon (Fellowship Center)
Dessert: 5:00 PM (Connection Center)

RSVP: carrie.cochran@hfbc.org

Sunday message CDs are available for purchase in the Garden Bookstore and the Library



CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP COMMITTEE



New Adult Classes
The Christian Citizenship Committee offers all adults two new 16-week classes:

How Should We Then Live?
5:00-6:30 PM, Room 334.

Director: John Brunson. Teacher: Jay Paxton. Emphasizes church history as it affects our political freedoms and Christian world views using Francis Schaeffer's classic *How Should We Then Live?* video series.

Lord Of All, 5:00-6:30 PM, Room 335.
Director: Roger Bridgwater. Teacher: Tim Lewis. Addresses developing a Christian world view through the use of D. James Kennedy's *Lord Of All*.

THANK YOU!



Dear Family and Friends of HFBC, Faylinn and I want to say thank you so much for the sweet send off to Southlake 117. Thanks for your notes of encouragement and the generous gifts. We love you guys so much and thank God for you. The month of July brought great joy to us as we remembered all the great things God has done over the past 9 and half years. It was fun to cry, laugh and remember with you. The relationships and times we have lived with you will forever be a part of us. We cherish your prayers in the future as we embark on this exciting time in our life. God bless you and the mighty work God is doing through you.

In the love of Christ,

C.M., Faylinn, Mitchell, Addison, Parker and Tyler Habermehl

Worship Guide

August 12, 2007, 9:10 AM

The Assembly



Prelude

The Battle Belongs to the Lord
Orchestra

The Church in Worship

Our Great Savior (89)
Majesty (74)
Honored, Glorified, Exalted
Choir and Orchestra
The Majesty and Glory of Your Name (35)

Prayer and Welcome

Testimony of Baptism

Worship Through Giving

Draw Near To Him

You Are My All in All
Breathe
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall Fresh on Me (247)

Message in Music

Take Up Your Throne
Choir and Orchestra

Message

The Church is still RELEVANT
Acts 2:1-13 & 22:1-2
Pastor Gregg Matte

Our Response

I Surrender All (366)

Dismissed to Lives of Worship

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
Don McMinn, 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 AUGUST 5, 2007

Baptized

Emilie Fischman, S3BB
Derek Michaelis, MYBD
Stephen Sofka, C3BA
Chris Virgin, S2BB
Jonathan Wortham, S2EA

For Baptism

Elizabeth Ober, PKEA

From Other Fellowships

Stephen Cannon, S3BB
Mina Choi, S2BB
Scott Howell, S2BB
Jill Jorgensen, S2BB

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, AUGUST 5, 2007

Sunday Bible Study3,057
Missions Bible Study.....1,528
Weekday Bible Study1,916
Total6,501

Wednesday Night639

GIVING WEEK ENDING AUGUST 5, 2007

Tithes & Offerings.....\$312,516
Weekly Requirements\$271,158
Over/(Under).....\$41,358
Designated Gifts.....\$31,768
Over/(Under) for August.....\$41,358

► **EVANGELISM EXPLOSION**

“EE” Experience

Comments from Level I students 2006:

“...Helped me to have confidence.” “...surprised that many people we met during On-the-job training really did want to hear the presentation of the gospel” “...many believed they had to earn their way to heaven...to see their eyes opened and their hearts relieved...to learn that faith alone in Christ alone...is the key”.

“I have learned to be sensitive to those around me...reminded that the Holy Spirit is at work during theses appointments and that the Lord is equipping me with the great tools provided by EE”.

“I learned so much by watching my trainer present the gospel and then taking a part in sharing.” “...Amazed at how God used us to bring people to saving knowledge ...”



Share Your Faith Workshops

Motivation • Inspiration • Participation

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 more information.

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.

Kid’s EE Scripture Fair

(Children from 3rd–6th grade)

Sunday, August 26. Come join us for dinner at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Center, followed by the first session in the Oasis. Just the right amount of fun is included in this joyful class helping kids and their parents get a firm hold on basic gospel scriptures so they can invite others to follow Christ. No cost for the course. Register and get more information about future classes. This is a thirteen week course lasting through November 18. No class September 2. Please call **713.957.7661** to RSVP or Click on “Sign Up For Events” at www.HoustonsFirst.org.

► **FIRST PLACE MATTERS**

We had a very successful 5th annual Leadership Summit the last weekend of July. 181 First Place members were in attendance from 21 states and Canada in addition to our guest speakers Dr. Dick Couey from Baylor University and registered dietitian and professional speaker, David Meinz, as well as a film crew from Gospel Light who worked all week to collect footage for new educational DVDs to be released next year. We’d like to extend our sincerest thanks to Rice Epicurean Markets who graciously allowed us to come film our grocery store tour DVD in one of their stores.

► **FIRST PLACE**

How is that New Year’s resolution to lose weight and get healthy coming along? We’re halfway through the year, but it’s never too late to get started! Orientation for our Fall Session is **Sunday, August 12** at 4:00 PM in the Green Room. Fall classes are as follows:

Sundays at 7:30 AM (Ladies)
& 5:00 PM (Coed), begins 8/19
Mondays at 6:00 PM (Ladies), begins 8/20
Tuesdays at 12:00 NOON (Ladies), begins 8/28
Thursdays at 6:30 PM (Coed), begins 8/30

Deadline to register: **August 12, 2007**. For more information, call **713.335.6403**.



► **FUSION MINISTRIES**

New Beginnings

The class begins **September 9**, 9:10–10:30 AM in Room 332. Directed by Matt & Amy Smith, and taught by Charles & Beth Alvarez. New Beginnings is a class designed for engaged or newlywed couples ages 30 and over, with a rotating 12-month biblically-based curriculum focused on building a Christ-centered marriage. For more information call **713.957.7681** or email jenel.capes@hfbc.org.



► **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**

Russia Orphanage Trip in Review

Sunday, August 12, 3:00–4:45 PM, Missions & Connection Center. Please come celebrate with the Russia team as they rejoice in the work God allowed them to be apart of. There will be a picture slideshow and a time for Q&A. Feel free to come and go & invite others. Light snacks provided.

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**.

Be a Friend!

100 International Students studying at the U of H are requesting an American friend through a non live-in program. Married or single adults – are needed to share their faith and hospitality with one or more of these students during their time of study. Contact **Marie Downing** for more information at **713.956.6052** (downings@flash.net) or the Missions Ministry at **713.957.5861** for information.

► **MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS 8/12**

KA and SL,
Asia
Patrick C, Rebecca H, and Sally M,
Central Asia
Jennifer Boynton,
Central & Eastern Europe
Allison I,
Last Frontier
Allen Alexander, Tom Dyson, and Darren Smith,
Middle America & Caribbean
Cal McIntire and Shelley Riggs,
West Africa

► **PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES**
Another Incredible Journey of a Lifetime!

March 10–24, 2008



Embark upon the most inspiring and life changing trip you could ever take as

we travel to the Holy Land!

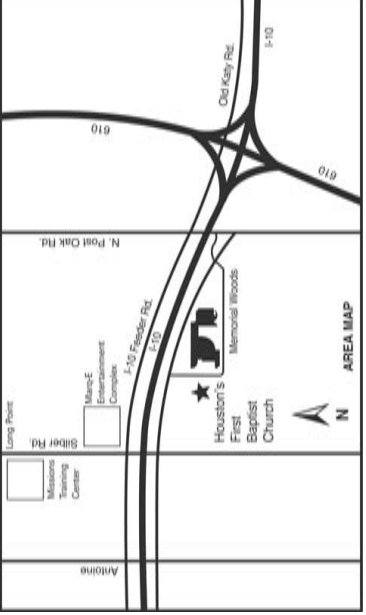
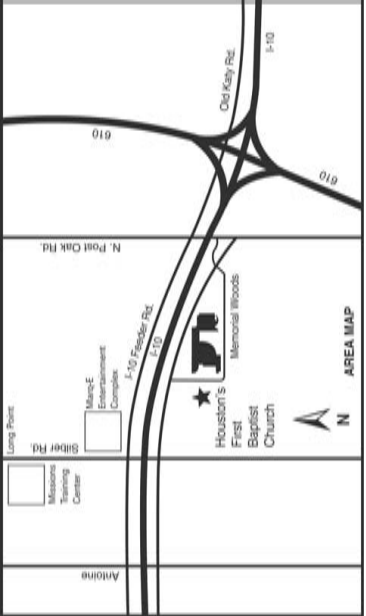
Visit more than fifty historical and biblical sites in Israel and return with a greater understanding and appreciation of God’s word.

The November 2007 journey filled up quickly. There are only 42 spaces available, (a third of those are already reserved). You need to decide soon!

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)

