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August 19, 2007 713.681.8000



THE CHURCH IS STILL RELEVANT – PART 2

Acts 8:1-8

This Sunday, August 19, Pastor Gregg continues 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

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!"



Deacons Meeting and Church Conference August 26 • 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.**



Main Foyer after Ascend
Coffee • Tea • Fellowship

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



MidLink

Connecting the Body
from Sunday to Sunday
**Coming Wednesday,
September 5**

► ANNOUNCEMENTS

HFBC Night at Minute Maid Park



Thursday, September 13.
Visit HoustonsFirst.org
for details about
half-price tickets!

► CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S JOB CORPS

Volunteers needed– Stand in the Gap

Stand in the Gap™(SITG) reaches out to widows, the fatherless, the elderly, the lonely and those transitioning out of prison. In very simple terms SITG is a ministry that helps people with needs by surrounding them with a new family, a spiritual family. Volunteers will serve as mentors, following God's direction as He transforms individuals, families and communities. Each group consists of 6–8 people. For more information or to volunteer, call Sue Hurst @ **713.681.3521**.

► WOMEN'S MINISTRY Calling all Mentors!

Young women of faith are longing for godly guidance and the influence a mentor can make on their lives. The harvest of young Christian women with teachable hearts is great; however, the mentors are few! If you are a woman of faith who is willing to be a shoulder to cry on, a brain to pick or to give a push in the right direction to a young woman, then the Sisters of Influence needs you! Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 9**, at 4:00 PM and come to the Green Room at HFBC to learn more about becoming a mentor through the Sisters of Influence, a woman-to-woman mentoring ministry sponsored by the Women's Ministry of HFBC. For further information or questions, please contact **Nancy Taylor** at womens.mentoring@hfbc.org or **Carolyn O'Neal** at carolyn.oneal@hfbc.org or **713.957.7640**.



Worship Guide

August 19, 2007, 9:10 AM

The Assembly



Prelude

Morning Praise
The River is Here
Holy, Holy, Holy
Orchestra

Our Praise To Him

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (97)
How Great is Our God
The Old Rugged Cross (186)

Prayer and Welcome David Self

Offertory Prayer LaRue Coleman

Wherever He Leads, I'll Go
Orchestra
Tim Timpani, Trombone

Message In Music

The Shadow of Your Cross
Joel Engle

Shout to the Lord

Message

The Church is still RELEVANT – Part 2
Acts 8:1-8
Pastor Gregg Matte

Our Response

I Surrender All (366)

Dismissed to Lives of Worship Gregg Matte

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
Joel Engle, 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 12, 2007

Baptized

Jamie Anna Gerdes, MYEA
Michael Keith Moseley, AUCN
Phillip K. Moseley, MYEA
Shannon Elaine Moseley, AUCN

For Baptism

Danielle R. Shannon, C5BA
Mandy Williamson, S2EA

From Other Fellowships

Douglas Bischoff, YGCA
Lucas Bischoff, CWBA
Wendy Bischoff, YGCA
Jeremy A. Cating, S2EC
Emily Evans, ACBA
Kathleen Evans, AUBF
Phillip M. Evans, AUBF
Kimberly A. Rasmussen, S2DA
Amanda Reeck, S2BB
Katie Sims, S2EA
Ashley Wenaas, MYEA
Matthew A. Wenaas, MYEA

► WEEKLY SUMMARY



ATTENDANCE, AUG. 12, 2007

Sunday Bible Study3,111
Missions Bible Study.....1,438
Weekday Bible Study1,949
Total6,482

Wednesday Night.....673

GIVING WEEK ENDING AUG. 12, 2007

Tithes & Offerings.....\$225,980
Weekly Requirements\$271,158
Over/(Under)(\$45,178)
Designated Gifts.....\$27,376
Over/(Under) for August(\$3,820)

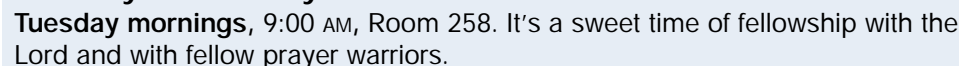
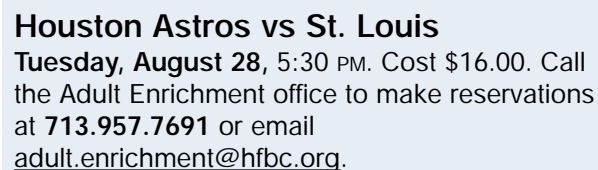
► **PROMOTION SUNDAY**

All too soon, Summer is over and it is back to school – marking the beginning of a new church year and Promotion **Sunday, August 19**, in Bible Study. Preschool and Children will be in their new departments and our Students will begin a new year in the HUB! Preschoolers and children will receive a post card with their new class information, so watch for it in your mail.

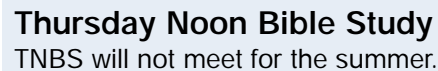
A new year means an opportunity for a new beginning for everyone – even our Adult ministries. If you aren't in a Sunday Bible Study, August 19 will be a great Sunday to try one out. Drop by the Welcome Center for a complete list of opportunities, or visit HoustonsFirst.org. As Summer comes to an end, we hope everyone will be back in place to help kick off a great new church year at HFBC!

Promotion Sunday is one of our busiest days of the year! Members are asked to park off-site to free up parking for our guests. Visit HoustonsFirst.org for a map of parking options, shuttle routes, and drop-off/pick-up locations. Remember, when it comes to occupants in your car: one or two, off-site is for you; three or more, park at the door!

Parking off-site is an easy way to support the ministry of HFBC!



Every Tuesday, 1:00–4:00 PM, Green Room. Join the gang for an afternoon of good natured fun and goodies to eat. Reservations are not required.



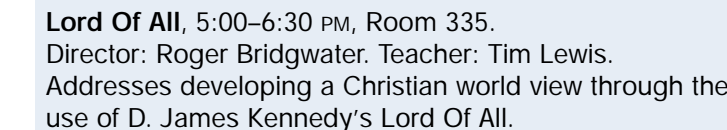
Assisted listening devices are available for hearing impaired worshippers during all three services. Visit the Sloan Memorial Library's circulation desk to borrow a device free of charge!

New Spanish-Speaking Bible Study
Meets at 9:10 AM in Room 258. For adults of all ages, new believers and veterans of the faith, singles and married couples.

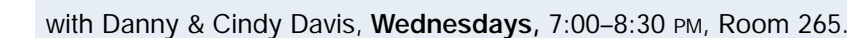
Using the offering envelopes pre-printed with your name and envelope number greatly reduces the research time spent by Financial Services and aids the tracking of your contributions for year-end statements. To order pre-printed envelopes, please call Membership Services, 713.957.5870.

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.



First H.O.P.E. Job Ministry
Helping Others Procure Employment
First Saturday of each month, 9:00 AM–NOON,
Room 602.



Wednesdays, 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 318. Studying “Bondage Breaker.”

Fridays, 6:00–9:00 PM, Rooms 362/363. Call Greg Curnutte, 713.335.6465, or go to www.HoustonsFirst.org/Counseling/celebrate_recovery.htm.

* Women's codependency (S.A.R.A.H.)
* Men of Integrity (beginner) & Men of Integrity (advanced)

Check out the website for more detailed information:
http://www.HoustonsFirst.org/Counseling/counselor_groups.htm or call the
 Counseling Center for more information or to set up a pre-group screening
 @ **713.335.6462**.

Now available!
Latest Pastoral Updates on the Web
http://www.houstonsfirst.org/pastoral_care/pastoral_care.htm

BIRTHS: Pastor Gregg, the staff and people of the First Family extend congratulations to:

Cody & Amanda Kaufmann, in the birth of their daughter, **Chloe Adrienne**.
Sibling: **Cade**.

Russell T., II & Emily Kelley, in the birth of their son, **Russell T., III.**

John & Lindsey Wagner, in the birth of their daughter, **Hayden Claire**.

Mark & Jennifer Palmer, in the birth of their son, Tate McMahan. Sister: Bronwyn.

Frank & Debbie Blackwood, in the birth of their son, **Jake**. Sisters: **Kelsey** and **Shelby**.

SYMPATHY: Pastor Gregg, the staff and people of the First Family extend sympathy to:

Family and Friends, in the death of, **Marcene Adams**.

Ronnie & Sue Marshall, in the death of his brother, **Gary Marshall**. Niece: **Christy**. Nephew: **David**.

Dorothy Lowe, in the death of her father **Edward Mike**. Grandchildren: **Brenda**, **Ivan** and wife, **Yosheka Lowe**. Great-grandchildren: **Ivan II**, **Nathan**, **Anastasia** and **Christian Lowe**, and **Daniela Eshevarria**.

Leon & Veva Savage, in the death of her sister **Joyce Asher**. **Karl & Debra Scheitzer**, in the death of his aunt.

Florence Abercia, in the death of her husband, **Johnnie**.

Gretchen Palmer and husband, **Blake**, in the death of step-grandfather, **Wendell White**.

* Memorial Acknowledgements will be mailed to the family. Please watch the First Edition for all other Honorariums.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
713.562.4107
Rick Jones (Pastoral Care)
Stephen Ministry Care Line 713.957.6762

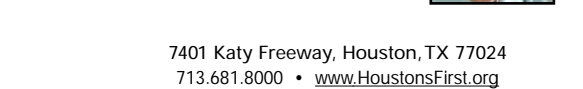
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► **EVANGELISM EXPLOSION**

EE Semester Banquet

Let's Get Together! **Sunday, 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.

► **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.



► **GIFTS & MEMORIALS**

Audio–Video Ministry

Given by The Leon B. Gerault Family in memory of Paul Earnest Gerault

Benevolence Fund

Given by Grace Wang Humphrey in memory of Mrs. Wang Su–Lan

Brazil Missions

Given by Jim & Maxine Williams in memory of Little Damond Curtis Moore

Counseling Center

Given by Brazos County Health Department Staff in memory of Morris Edward Bost

Local Missions

Given by Cornerstone Class in memory Marshall Roberts, Jr. Given by Elbert A. Palmer in memory of Paul Gerault in memory of Henry Schaffer

Mission Training Center

Given by Walter & Louise Hall in memory of Albert Baxter Brown

Julianna Poor General Fund

Given by Mrs. Libby Quandt in memory of Morris Edward Bost

Stephen Ministry

Given by The Leon B. Gerault Family in memory of Paul Earnest Gerault

► **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.

► **MENS MINISTRY**

Men's Life: The Quest for Authentic Manhood

"The Quest" is a 24–week study beginning this Fall at HFBC. A morning session led by Eric Reed, Gregg Matte, Don Munton and Jason Swiggart begins **Thursday, September 13**, from 6:00–7:30 AM. A DVD–based evening session begins **Sunday, September 16**, from 5:00–6:30 PM. Registration is required. Cost is \$20 before September 9 (\$25 after). To register, visit HoustonsFirst.org and click on "Sign Up For Events." For more information, call **713.957.7681**.



► **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**.

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.

Patti LaCarter–Reception/Brazil Update!

Please join Georgia Costa, who has been working alongside Patti LaCarter, **Saturday, September 15**, as they both share what God has been doing in Brazil. The reception will be held in the Oasis Room from 2:00–4:00 PM. You are welcome to come and go as you please, with Patti scheduled to speak at 2:30 PM. Refreshments will be offered.

Sponsor a Missionary Kid

Andrew Hemingway is an 18 year–old who lived in Central Asia with his missionary parents for the past 8 years. He is coming back to Houston, attending HCC Town & Country studying Film and Audio Tech. and is need of a place to live around I–10 and Beltway 8 area. If you are interested in helping Andrew, please contact the Missions and Connection Center at **713.957.5861** or email rochelle.ferrada@hfbc.org or missions@hfbc.org.

► **MISSIONS TRAINING CENTER**

The Missions Training Center is looking for children's teachers to help with preschoolers on Wednesday nights (7:00–8:15 PM) and Sunday mornings (10:15 AM–12:15 PM) and also the 1st–2nd grade class Sunday mornings (11:00 AM–12:15 PM). If interested, please contact **Christa Copenhaver** at **713.681.3521**.

► **NEW MATERIALS ADDED TO THE SLOAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Healing Is a Choice by Stephen Arterburn

Landmines In the Path Of the Believer by Charles F. Stanley

Life's Tough Questions by Dr. Steven Waterhouse

Holy Matrimony: The Image Of God In the Family by Dr. Steven Waterhouse

► **MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS 8/19**

AL, BG and PV, Asia

Delores G, Central Asia

S. Lee and Rebecca,

Central & Eastern Europe

Phoebe Harrison, Larry Plyler,

and Stan Stepleton,

Middle America & Caribbean

David S,

Northern Africa & Middle East

David C and Trish P,

Pacific Rim

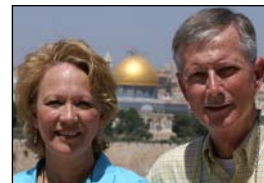
Janene Ford,

South America

► **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,

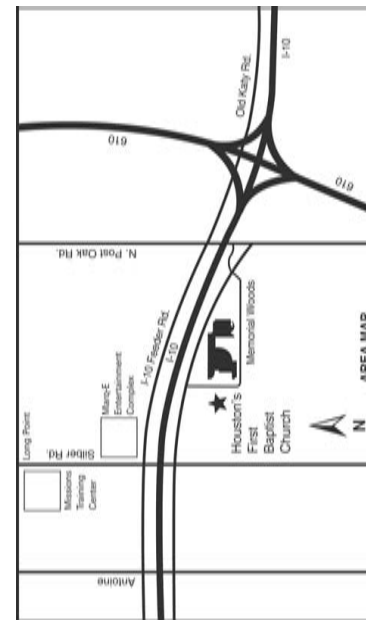
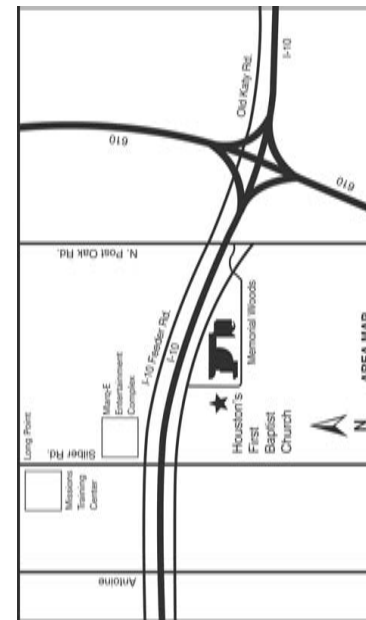
713.562.4107 or **713.957.6760**.

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)

Missionary U Opportunities

Water Health & Hygiene
Teachers: Becky Morris
& Cherie Jones
Sundays, 5:00–6:15 PM
Sept. 9–30, Room 270

**Chronological
Bible Storying**
Teacher: Peter Swann
Wednesdays,
6:30–8:00 PM
Sept. 5–26, Room 251

**International Student
Friendship Ministry
Orientation**
Teacher: Marie Downing
Thursdays, 7:00–8:30 PM
Sept. 13, 20
Saturdays, 9:30–11:00 AM
Sept. 15, 22
Connection Center

Intro to Spanish
Teacher: Senny Smith
Sundays, 5:00–6:15 PM
Sept. 9–Oct. 7
Room 329

Spanish II
Teacher: Obed Franco
Sundays, 5:00–6:15 PM
Sept. 9–Nov. 11
Room 331

To sign up for any of these classes go to HoustonsFirst.org and click on "Sign Up For Events" or call the Missions & Connection Center at **713.957.5861** or email missions@hfbc.org

PALs–“Prayers and Letters”

CPR/First Aid

The Recreation Ministry is accepting applications for certified aerobic instructors and personal trainers. For more information call Debbie Brown @ **713.957.6701**.

Dawg Daze of Summer

Thursday, August 23. Beat the summer heat and join us for fun, food, coffee and fellowship with a comedy show provided by the Comedy Sportz Improv Troupe. Dinner served at 7:00 PM in the Oasis Room. Comedy show starts at 8:00 PM in the Fellowship Center. Cost: \$16.00 online; \$25.00 at the door. Click on "Sign Up For Events" at www.HoustonsFirst.org to register or contact Summit Ministries, **713.957.7671** for more information.

Fall Bible Study Opportunities for Women 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. Contact **Jessica Martinez** at jessica.martinez@hfbc.org or **713.957.7642**.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

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**.

highpoint
Houston's weekly downtown Bible Study



WNBS



A mid-week service for the entire HFBC family. Each Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Center. A 15-week Study – “The Feasts of The Lord” – God’s Prophetic Calendar.

Baked Herb Chicken, Family Rice, Garlic Green Beans, Corn Muffins. Adult: \$6; Child: \$4.50, includes salad and drink. Desserts available for purchase. 4:45–6:45 PM.

Choir Rehearsal 7:00–8:45 PM

Explore: Bible study & recreation for
1st-5th grade, 7:00-8:45 PM, CLC

Garden Bookstore, 9:00 AM–7:30 PM

Message Tapes & CDs

Available after services; additional copies may be ordered. CD's & Cassettes: \$3.00 each; Add \$1.50 for mail orders. Call **713.957.5822**, fax **713.957.5823**, email **sermons@hfbc.org**. Series sets on CD available in the Sloan Memorial Library and Garden Bookstore.

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2 WEEKS AT A GLANCE - AUG./SEP.