

FIRST EDITION

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THE CHURCH IS STILL BIBLICAL – PART 2

Acts 18:24-27

This Sunday, September 9, Pastor Gregg concludes the 2-part series entitled "The Church is still BIBLICAL"

Pastor Gregg Matte



Sunday Bible Studies Available:



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

New Member ORIENTATION

Sunday, September 16 at noon in the Fellowship Center or 5:00 PM in the Connection Center. Childcare Provided. RSVP carrie.cochran@hfbc.org



Evangelism Explosion and Kids' EE begins Today! Still time to register. Details inside.

MIDLINK

...connecting the Body from Sunday to Sunday! Join the HFBC family on Wednesday evenings for MidLink—an evening of food and activities for all ages!



be a part of the *Story*

Be sure to attend HFBC on **Sunday, September 16**, to receive a packet of information about "Be a Part of the Story" -- our upcoming capital campaign!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Worship Leaders

Today's guest worship leader in The Assembly is **Kyle Chamblin**, worship leader and a member of the Singing Churchmen.

Upcoming Assembly guest worship leaders:

- September 16:** Kyle Chamblin
- September 23:** Keith Jefferson
- September 30:** Travis Cottrell, recording artist, composer and worship leader from Nashville, TN.
- October 7:** Chuck Sullivan, recording artist, featured soloist and worship leader from Atlanta, GA.

PRISON MINISTRY

Bill Glass Champions for Life Houston Weekend of Champions

If you have a heart for prison ministry, come be a part of this opportunity to share Christ at Harris County Jail. We are looking for teammates to minister with us on **October 5 & 6**. Training on Thursday, October 4. For more information, contact **Jack Lansch at 713.460.3282**. Registration ends September 15.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Join Us in Gathering Worship!

The Gathering Band is looking for new singers and players. Interviews will be held on Thursday, **September 27** & Saturday, **September 29**. Check out the Music & Worship Ministry page online at www.HoustonsFirst.org for details.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Midlink Schedule AMP

High School mid-week gathering
6:30-7:00 PM AMP Eatery
7:00-8:30 PM AMP Room 363 (Student Ministry area)



Launch

Middle School mid-week gathering
4:30-5:45 PM Ignition Night Games (1st Wednesday of the month)
5:45-6:15 PM Launch Pizzeria
6:15-7:45 PM Launch Room 364 (Student Ministry area)



Worship Guide September 9, 2007, 9:10 AM

The Assembly



Prelude
Higher Ground Orchestra

Our Songs Of Joyful Praise
How Majestic is Your Name (30)
Great is the Lord (31)
Rejoice, the Lord is King (228)

Prayer and Welcome

Baptism

Worship Through Giving

All Praise To Him
To God Be The Glory (66)
Come Christians Join to Sing (108)
Agnus Dei (words on screens)

Message in Song
Total Praise
Choir and Orchestra

Message
The Church is still BIBLICAL – Part 2
Acts 18:24-27
Pastor Gregg Matte

Our Response
Have Thine Own Way, Lord (371)

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
Kyle Chamblin, 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 SEPTEMBER 2, 2007

For Baptism

Chad A. Gronwold, S3EA
Evin R. Macaluso, MYEA
Vanessa Tamara Naver, MYEA
Mikah R. Palermo, MYEA

From Other Fellowships

Gary R. Anthony, AUBL
Michelle E. Barnett, S2EA
Holly W. Bates, AUBL
Brian Clark, AUBP
Marissa Clark, Y6BA
Tami Clark, AUBP
Diane R. Griffin, AUBE
Vance Eugene Letbetter, AUBP
Lidiane M. Lustosa, S2DA
Gerard L. Monsivaiz, MYDA
Krisi M. Monsivaiz, MYDA
Daniel T. Reinhold, S2EA

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, SEP. 2, 2007

Sunday Bible Study2,633
Missions Bible Study.....1,499
Weekday Bible Study.....946
Total5,078

Wednesday Night.....608

GIVING WEEK ENDING SEP. 2, 2007

Tithes & Offerings.....\$266,168
Weekly Requirements\$271,158
Over/(Under)\$(4,990)
Designated Gifts.....\$19,764
Over/(Under) for September...\$(4,990)

► **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.

► **MEN'S 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: \$20 before September 9 (\$25 after). To register, visit www.HoustonsFirst.org and click on "Sign Up For Events." For more information, call **713.957.7681**.



► **MISSIONS TRAINING CENTER**

North Central Baptist Church Needs

North Central Baptist Church is looking for Adult Leaders including: Computer Teacher, Men's Sunday School Teacher and Childrens' Workers. For more information, call **713.692.6316**.

Childrens Teachers Needed

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

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** at **713.681.3521**.

► **MISSIONS MINISTRY**

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

► **SLOAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

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.

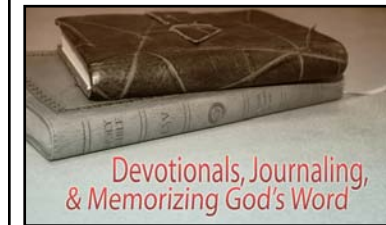
► **MISSIONS MINISTRY**

Missionary U Opportunities

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19–20

Chronological Bible Storying

Wednesdays through September 26, 6:30–8:00 PM, Room 251
Teacher: Peter Swann



Devotionals, Journaling & Memorizing God's Word

Sundays, September 9–30, 5:00–6:15 PM, Connection Center
Teachers: William & Nancy Taylor

Evangelism Explosion

Sundays through November 11 5:00–6:15 PM, Fellowship Center
Teachers: David Self or Larry Lilley

International Student Friendship Ministry Orientation

Thursdays, September 13, 20 7:00–8:30 PM, Connection Center
Saturdays, September 15, 22 9:30–11:00 AM, Connection Center
Teacher: Marie Downing

Pathlight Towards Global Awareness (Formerly Perspectives Exposure)

Sundays, October 7–November 18, 5:00–6:15 PM, Room 252
Teacher: Roger Javens

Pastors' Mentoring

Tuesdays, September 18, October 23, November 20, December 18, 7:00 PM, Room 263
Teachers: Pete Slagle & Harvey Kneisel

Intro to Spanish

Sundays, September 9–October 7 5:00–6:15 PM, Room 329
Teacher: Senny Smith

Spanish I

Sundays, September 9–November 11 5:00–6:15 PM, Room 336
Teacher: Jesse Moya

Spanish II

Sundays, September 9–November 11 5:00–6:15 PM, Room 331
Teacher: Obed Franco

Spanish III

Wednesdays through November 14 6:30–8:00 PM, Room 334
Teacher: Noel May



Water Health & Hygiene

Sundays, September 9–30, 5:00–6:15 PM, Room 270
Teachers: Becky Morris & Cherie Jones

Water Well 101

Sundays, September 9–30, 5:00–6:15 PM, Room 259
Teacher: Richard Bell

To sign up for 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



► **MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS 9/9**

CK and RS, Asia
David Nam and Brad Pollard, Central & Eastern Europe
William Bowers, Central
Jane Lawson, Dorothy Miller, and Cynthia Morreau Central, Eastern & Southern Africa
Jason P, East Asia
Penny and Linda M, Last Frontier
Eva Smith, Middle America & Caribbean
Thomas M, Pacific Rim
Jeff Brawner, Karen Clark, Jody Johnson, and Carol Schulz, South America

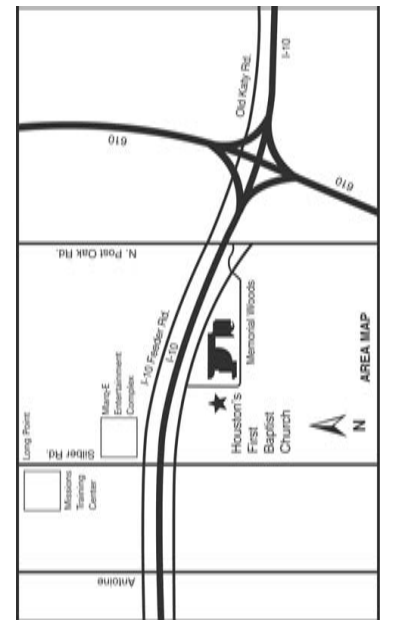
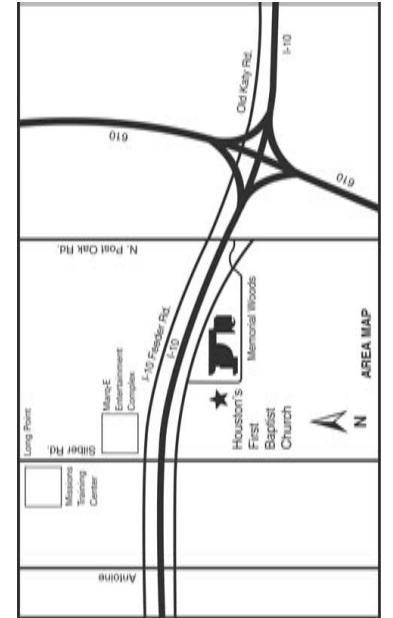
► **PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES 2008 Holy Land Tour**

March 10-24, 2008
See more than fifty Biblical and Historical sites in God's chosen land as we tour Israel. It will be one of the most amazing and life changing events of your life. You will return with a greater understanding and deeper appreciation of God's word.

There is no question we live in the "last days" - this might be your "last chance" to visit the Holy Land. We have space for 42 with more than half reserved. For more information call:

Rick and Peggy Jones
713.562.4107/713.957.6760 or
Jim and Wanda Jean Hickey
281.496.1525

CanHope - ministering to families touched by cancer will meet **Monday, September 10** at 6:45 PM. The meeting will be in the Fellowship Center where we will share a meal. (Meat provided. Bring salad, vegetable or dessert.) Guest Speaker, **King Lane**. Come and enjoy a time of prayer & fellowship.



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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)

▶ **PRESCHOOL MINISTRY**

ABC123 PARTY

All kindergartners. **September 9.** 12:00 PM. Fellowship Center. Congratulations, you are going to Kindergarten! Join us for a special party. For information contact the Preschool Ministry at **713.957.7611**. Pre-registration not required.

▶ **RECREATION MINISTRY**

Blood Drive

Give the Gift of Life! **Sunday, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM, CLC Red Gym.**

Pilates

Wednesdays and Fridays, 6:15–7:00 AM; Tuesdays, 9:15–10:00 AM. CLC University Room. Free with CLC membership.

ABs and Back

Thursdays, September and October only. 12:15–12:45 PM. CLC University Room. Decrease your waistline while strengthening the back! Free with CLC membership.



Get It in Gear Camp

Starts **September 18. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 AM.** Progressive in nature, this eight week class will lay a proper foundation for safe and effective exercise. Be challenged, get stonger. Free with CLC membership.

Apex/Guardian Taekwon Do

Mondays and Thursdays, 4:15–5:30 PM. \$85 a month. Learn self-defense, discipline, coordination and self-confidence while getting a great workout. Beginner to intermediate classes. For more information or to sign up, call Debbie Brown at **713.957.6701** or email debbie.brown@hfbc.org.

▶ **SUMMIT MINISTRIES – YOUNG SINGLES**

Intramural Co-Ed Flag Football

September 8–October 6. Quillian Center – Beltway 8 & Westpark. Double header games on Saturdays at 12:30 PM. Guaranteed one Friday night game in September at 7, 8, & 9 PM. Top (8) teams advance to Tournament on Saturday, October 6. Cost: \$25 per person. Sign up at summitministries.org.

▶ **SPIRITUAL MATURITY**

Kid's EE

Children ages 3rd grade–6th grade. **September 9.** 5:00 PM, University Room. 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. Register at www.HoustonsFirst.org and click on "Sign Up For Events".

Evangelism Explosion

All Adults. **September 9.** 5:00 PM, Fellowship Center. Cost: \$35.00. This 13–week course presents a logical and powerful way of presenting the message of the gospel. This method, developed by Dr. D. James Kennedy, has been enabling Christians world-wide to make their faith known to others in a compelling, relevant, loving way. Cost covers all levels of the course. If you have taken Level I but not Level II or III, sign up for the next level at no additional cost. To register call **713.957.7661**, go to www.HoustonsFirst.org and click on "Sign Up For Events" or email evangelism@hfbc.org.

▶ **WOMENS MINISTRIES BIBLE STUDIES**

Fall Bible Study Opportunities for Women

Tuesday Morning

M&M Bible Study – Study of Acts

For women of all ages
Taught by Merle Jordan
10:30 AM–12:00 PM, Chapel
Now through November 13

Women on Missions

with Bonnie Craig
11:45 AM–1:00 PM, Fellowship Center A
Meets year round

Prayer Time

with Delores Niles
1:00 PM, Fellowship Center A
Meets year round

Motherwise - "Wisdom for Mothers"

with Claire Turner
9:30 AM–12:30 PM, Room 249
September 11–November 13

Tuesday Evening

**Living Proof with Beth Moore
It's Tough Being a Woman: A Study
of the Book of Esther**

11 consecutive Tuesday evenings
6:30–8:30 PM, Worship Center
September 11–November 13

Wednesday Morning

(beginning September 12)

**Age of Opportunity: A Biblical Guide
to Parenting Teens**

written by David Tripp
facilitated by Lisa Taylor
9:30–11:30 AM, Room 251
September 12–October 24

Piece Makers

10:00 AM–12:00 PM, Room 143
September 12–November 14

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Kimberlee Johannesen, Coordinator
9:30 AM–12:00 PM, Room 249
Now through December 5
1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month

Wednesday Night

Joy of Living - Study of Revelation

Taught by Denise Munton
7:00–8:45 PM, Room 263/264
September 12–November 14

Thursday Morning

Joy of Living – Study of Revelation

Taught by Marsha Taylor
9:45 AM–12:00 PM, Room 249
September 13–November 15

**Sacred Influence – What a Man
Needs from His Wife to Be the
Husband She Wants**

Written by Gary Thomas
Taught by Lisa Calvert
9:30–11:30 AM, Room 143
September 13–November 15

Thursday Evening

**The Missing Peace: Finding
Encouragement on the Journey of
Infertility**

with Alissa Franklin
6:30–8:30 PM, Room 249
September 13–November 1

Friday Night

Picture Perfect

with Dana O'Neal and Alissa Franklin
7:00–11:00 PM, Room 143*
First Friday of the month
September – December
* November's meeting will be in the Green Room.

MINISTRY CHILDCARE:

Childcare available by pre–registration for all daytime studies on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Childcare is also available for night time studies on Wednesday. For more childcare information contact **Sheri Greer** in the Preschool Ministry at **713.957.7619** or **713.957.7614**.

Calling all Mentors!

September 9, 4:00 PM. Green Room. Learn about becoming a mentor through the Sisters of Influence, a woman–to–woman mentoring ministry sponsored by the Women's Ministry. 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**.

▶ **WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**



**Highpoint – Houston's
Weekly Downtown Bible
Study.**



**Each Wednesday, Lower
level of the 1010 Lamar
Building. Lunch available
for \$6.00, 11:30 AM. Bible Study
begins 12:10 PM and ends 12:40 PM.
September 12: David Self... "The Call
to Discipleship" Mark 1:14-20.**

**WNBS
WEDNESDAY NIGHT
BIBLE STUDY**



with Rick Jones.
A mid–week service for the entire HFBC family. Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Center. A new 8–week series for **September and October** entitled: "What's Luv Got to Do With It?" (A study in relationships).

MidLink Cafe

A casual dining experience with eight different stations designed to appeal to all age groups and diets. Come build relationships while you enjoy a great meal. Adults: \$6; Sr. Adults: \$5; Children: \$4.50. Price includes all stations: drinks, desserts, baked potato, pasta, bread, salad, soup, kids, and occasional hot specials. 4:45–6:45 PM, Fellowship Center

Orchestra Rehearsal (by audition)

7:00–8:30 PM, Worship Center

Choir Rehearsal 7:00–8:45 PM

Mission Friends Birth–K
5:45–8:30 PM, Preschool Suite

Explore: Bible study and recreation,
1st–5th grade, 7:00–8:45 PM, CLC

Girls in Action (GAs) 1st–5th grade,
3:30–4:30 PM, Room 507

Royal Ambassadors (RAs) 1st–5th
grade, 3:30–4:30 PM, Room 500

TeamKid 1st–5th grade, 6:00–7:00 PM,
CLC University Room

Sloan Library/Resource Center
Open until 6:50 PM

Garden Bookstore 9:00 AM–7:30 PM

9 SUNDAY WORSHIP Pastor Gregg Matte The Assembly, 9:10 AM The Gathering, 10:45 AM Ascend, 6:30 PM	10 Monday Can-Hope - ministering to families touched by cancer. 6:45 PM, Fellowship Center Guest Speaker, King Lane	11 Tuesday Men's Early Prayer Time 6:30 AM Green Room Men's Prayer, 9:00 AM, Room 258 Prayer Room, 1:00–3:00 PM	12 Wednesday Highpoint Downtown Business Luncheon, MIDLINK Cafe, Orchestra, Choir rehearsals, Support Groups	13 Thursday Phase II - ministering to widows and widowers adjusting to the loss of their spouse	14 Friday Celebrate Recovery, 6:00–9:00 PM Rooms 362/363	15 Saturday Prayer time in the Sloan Library 5:00–6:00 PM
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