

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 9, 2007

Salvation In Christ

Kevin J. Anderholm, S2BB

Baptized

Annie E. Foley, S2BB

Evin R. Macaluso, MYEA

Mikah R. Palermo, MYEA

Emmely Saman, MYBC

Eric W. Wisdom, MYDA

For Baptism

Levin Gomez, CDEA

From Other Fellowships

Brad L. Baldree, MYBA

Jennifer L. Baldree, MYBA

Bryan E. Hancock, MYBK

Jennifer A. Hancock, MYBK

Susie Keig, AUCD

Natalie A. Kirchhoff, ACBA

Russell L. Moncrief, S2DA

Melba Robb, AUCP


Gary D. Stieber, AUCF

Melba Stieber, AUCF

John E. White, AUCC

Maria Fe G. White, AUCC

▶ WEEKLY SUMMARY



ATTENDANCE, SEP. 9, 2007

Sunday Bible Study3,364

Missions Bible Study.....1,504

Weekday Bible Study1,321

Total6,189

Wednesday Night.....909

GIVING WEEK ENDING SEP. 9, 2007

Tithes & Offerings.....\$222,347

Weekly Requirements\$271,158

Over/(Under)\$(48,811)

Designated Gifts.....\$25,249

Over/(Under) for Sep.\$(53,801)

▶ 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 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.

▶ CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Advance Gifts to Capital Campaign

During the weeks of **September 24–28** and **October 1–5**, Sunday Bible study teachers and directors, church committee members, Deacons and others in leadership positions at HFBC will attend a series of meetings for the purpose of receiving financial commitments to the upcoming capital campaign in advance of the congregation. If you would like to attend one of these meetings to learn how you, too, can be a part of the advance gifts process, please call **Kristina West** at **281.213.9166** or **Kim Williams** at **713.426.5734** for available times and locations.

▶ 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 16, 2007, 9:10 AM

The Assembly



Prelude

All Glory, Laud, and Honor Orchestra

Our Songs Of Joyful Praise

The Name of the Lord

Glorious Is Thy Name (85)

Majesty (74)

How Great Thou Art (4)

Prayer and Welcome

Baptism

Songs of Worship

All the Way My Savior Leads Me (460)

God Will Make a Way

Worship Through Giving

Message in Song

Thou, O Lord

Choir and Orchestra

Message

The Church is still a COMMUNITY – Part 1

Acts 2:42–45

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

Kyle Chamblin, Worship Leader

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COMMUNITY

THE CHURCH IS STILL A COMMUNITY – PART 1

Acts 2:42–45

This Sunday, September 16, Pastor Gregg begins the 2-part series entitled “The Church is still a COMMUNITY”

Pastor Gregg Matte




Sunday Bible Studies Available:



• 8:00, 9:10 & 10:30 AM

• 12:00 & 5:15 PM

CAFÉ ASCEND



Main Foyer after Ascend Coffee • Tea • Fellowship

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!


milestones


essentials for spiritual formation

Take a step in the right direction. Join a Milestones Class today. Go to HoustonsFirst.org and click on “Milestones” for a complete list of classes.

New Talent Search

The Gathering Band is looking for new singers and players. Interviews on **September 27** and **September 29**. Check out the Music & Worship Ministry page at HoustonsFirst.org for details.





be a part of the *Story*

Before you leave today, complete the enclosed claim ticket and submit it at one of the distribution points throughout the church to receive your **Be A Part Of The Story** information packet!

► **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 **Thursdays**, 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**.



► **MIDLINK**

New Class - History of Christianity: The Reformation Period
Wednesdays, September 19–October 17, 6:30–8:00 PM, Room 335.
This five class study will cover the Reformation period, including:
Martin Luther and the formation of the Lutheran church
John Calvin and the Reformed churches
The radical reformation including the Anabaptists
The formation of the Anglican Church in England and Henry VIII’s role
The Roman Catholic Counter Reformation



For a complete list of MidLink classes available go to www.HoustonsFirst.org and click on “MidLink.”

► **MISSIONS TRAINING CENTER**

Children’s 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**

Park Temple Baptist Church Needs
Park Temple Baptist Church needs an electrician to help desperately, if interested, please call **Harvey Kneisel** at **832.671.1956**.

North Central Baptist Church Needs

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

► **GIFTS AND MEMORIALS TO THE SLOAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

The Beginner’s Bible Book Of Devotions: My Time With God by Catherine DeVries, **The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name** by Sally Lloyd-Jones, and **My Lulla Bible A To Z Promise Book** by Stephen Elkins given by the Preschool Division in memory of Edward Mike, father of Dorothy Lowe and grandfather of Brenda Lowe.
It’s All About Him: Finding the Love Of My Life by Denise Jackson with Ellen Vaughn given by the Faith Class in memory of Johnnie Abercia.
The Case For the Real Jesus: A Journalist Investigates Current Attacks On the Identity Of Christ by Lee Strobel and **Heaven Is Real: Lessons On Earthly Joy – From the Man Who Spent 90 Minutes In Heaven** by Don Piper and Cecil Murphey given by Frank and Louise Campbell in honor of Dr. Hollis and Doris Bivens’ 60th wedding anniversary.
Completely His: Loving Jesus Without Limits by Shannon Ethridge given by the Victory Class in memory of Lela Stokes, mother of Jo Stokes
Daily Life In Palestine At the Time Of Christ by Henri Daniel-Rops given by Mike, Frances, Matthew, and Ben Kirk in memory of H. L. Kirk, father of Mike Kirk. Other new materials include:
When You’ve Been Wronged: Overcoming Barriers To Reconciliation by Erwin W. Lutzer
What’s the Big Deal About Jesus? by John Ankerberg & Dillon Burroughs

► **MISSIONS MINISTRY**

Missionary U Opportunities

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

Devotionals, Journaling & Memorizing God’s Word
Sundays through September 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
Thursday, September 20
7:00–8:30 PM, Connection Center
Saturday, September 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, October 9, November 13,
December 11, 7:00 PM, Room 263
Teachers: Pete Slagle & Harvey Kneisel

Intro to Spanish
Sundays through October 7
5:00–6:15 PM, Room 329
Teacher: Senny Smith

Spanish I
Sundays through November 11
5:00–6:15 PM, Room 336
Teacher: Jesse Moya

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

Water Well 101
Sundays through September 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 9/16**

BC, JS, KB, and YP, Asia
Keith A, and Kevin B, Central Asia
Grace P, Last Frontier
Deborah E, Jon P, Judy A, Karen G, and Marc H, Pacific Rim
Myron W, South Asia
Elisabeth Faile, West Africa

► **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.

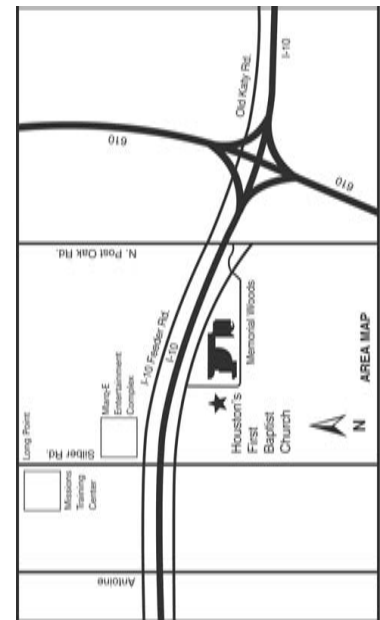
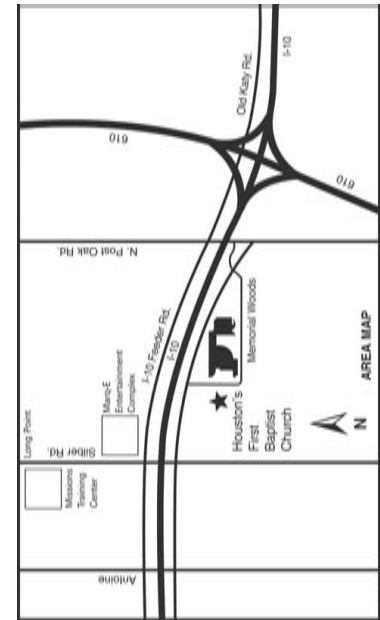
There is no question we live in the “last days” - this might be your “last chance” to visit the Holy Land. We have space for 42 with more than half reserved. For more information call:

Rick and Peggy Jones
713.562.4107/713.957.6760 or

Jim and Wanda Jean Hickey
281.496.1525

Dear Sweet Church,
Words are so inadequate to express our gratitude for the many ways you have ministered to us these past three months. Throughout the losses of my two sisters, a brother-in-law, and our son, Blair’s heart attack, you have reminded us of God’s unfailing grace. It has been a difficult walk, but through your loving kindness, prayers, and encouraging cards, the Lord has given us strength for the journey! May He bless you according to His riches in Christ Jesus! We love you and praise God for you!

Veva & Leon Savage
Romans 8:18



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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)

16 SUNDAY WORSHIP Pastor Gregg Matte The Assembly, 9:10 AM The Gathering, 10:45 AM Ascend, 6:30 PM Cafe Ascend following	17 Monday Stephen Ministry Supervisory Groups, 6:30 PM	18 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	19 Wednesday Highpoint Downtown Business Luncheon, MIDLINK Cafe, Orchestra, Choir rehearsals, Support Groups	20 Thursday Griefshare Support, 7:00-8:30 PM, Room 143	21 Friday Celebrate Recovery, 6:00-9:00 PM Rooms 362/363	22 Saturday Prayer time in the Sloan Library 5:00-6:00 PM
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