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October 7, 2007 713.681.8000



be a part of the *Story*

BE A PART OF THE STORY – PART I

Acts 4:32

This Sunday, October 7, Pastor Gregg begins the 5-part series entitled “Be a Part of the STORY”

Pastor Gregg Matte



Sunday Bible Studies Available:



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

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!



Deacons Meeting and Church Conference October 7 • 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.



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.



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Learn more about the story — and — share your own at...

BeAPartOfTheStory.org

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

► ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Worship Leaders

Today's guest worship leader in all three services is **Chuck Sullivan**, recording artist, featured soloist and worship leader from Atlanta, GA.

Upcoming Assembly guest worship leaders:

October 14: Mark Berry, (Choral leader at Houston Christian High School).

October 21: Keith Jefferson, IMB Missionary in Residence (Brazil); former worship leader at two churches.

October 28: Mark Berry

► 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.

► MYA/FUSION MINISTRY



Parents' Night Out Friday, November 2.

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 at HoustonsFirst.org by clicking on “Sign Up for Events”. Deadline for registration is Sunday, October 28.

For more information call **713.957.7681** or email christen.barrios@hfbc.org.

► SUMMIT MINISTRY

NEW! Single Young Adult Bible Study Starts Today

Co-ed/25+. 12:10–1:15 PM, Room 249.

Beyond the Ink is a new Bible study community for those desiring an opportunity to grow deeper. Whatever your current place in life, Beyond the Ink will challenge and love you to take the next step. Come learn with us as we go Beyond the Ink to experience the life changing truths of God's word!

Worship Guide

October 7, 2007, 9:10 AM

The Assembly



Prelude

Orchestra

Our Songs of Joyful Praise

O Worship the King (10)

Immortal, Invisible (25)

Glorify Thy Name (29)

I Sing the Mighty Power of God (59)

Prayer and Welcome

Testimony of Baptism

Worship Through Giving

Songs of Worship

How Great is Our God

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Thou Art Worthy

Choir & Orchestra

Message

Be a Part of the Story– Part 1

Acts 4:32

Pastor Gregg Matte

Our Response

I Surrender All (366)

Dismissed to Lives of Worship

Postlude

Paula Blackmon, Organ

Gregg Matte, Pastor
Chuck Sullivan, Worship Leader

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.

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 a church in the Houston area. (name) _____

☐ 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: _____

Home # (his) (____) _____

Home # (hers) (____) _____

Work # (his) (____) _____

Work # (hers) (____) _____

E-mail (his) _____

Address: (hers) _____

Birth (his) _____

Date: (hers) _____

School Grade: _____

Marital Status:

☐ Single ☐ Married (# of years) _____

☐ Widowed ☐ Engaged

Military Service:

☐ Active military

(Branch: _____)

☐ Veteran

(Branch: _____)

► DECISIONS SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

Salvation in Christ

Will Larry Burns, C5BA

Milton O. Grimes, S2BB

Blake M. Wagner, C4BA

For Baptism

Ovidio Campos Jr., S2EC

Milton O. Grimes, S2BB

Thomas McInroe, Y6BA

Katlyn O'Brien, CWBA

Mercedes B. Paris, AUCT

From other Fellowships

Kelly C. Andrews, AUEA

Marla L. Ellis, AUBB

Philip W. Evans, ACEA

Candy Lynn George, AUBJ

Kay S. Gilreath, AUBF

Lurvine Herbert, AUAF

Kathryn E. Hurst, S3BA

Deborah M. Jefferson, AUCF

Keith Erwin Jefferson, AUCF

Vicky Lyman, SLBA

Michael H. Parkman, AUBL

Seth Rankin, ACEA

Brinkley K. Sandvall, S2BB

Ashley Singletary, S2DA

Hannah L. Stovall, ACBA

Chris J. Strouse, MYBG

Debbie J. Strouse, MYBG

Duy A. Tran, S2DA

Britney M. White, S2BB

► WEEKLY SUMMARY



ATTENDANCE, SEP. 30, 2007

Sunday Bible Study3,188

Missions Bible Study.....1,583

Weekday Bible Study5,155

Total9,826

Wednesday Night.....1,054

GIVING WEEK ENDING SEP. 30, 2007

Tithes & Offerings.....\$240,336

Weekly Requirements\$271,158

Over/(Under)(\$30,822)

Designated Gifts.....\$58,237

Over/(Under) for Sep.\$(131,772)

► **GIFTS AND MEMORIALS**

Audio Visual Fund Given by Scot Ramsy, Florence Sellers, MargaRay Moreland and Anne McCreless in memory of Paul Ernest Gerault	First Baptist Academy Given in memory of Harvey Joseph Matte by George and Suzanne Payne by Les and Carolyn O'Neal by Aimee Wilson	Macedonian Call Ministries Given by Margaret Lloyd in memory of Mary Ann Huff in honor of Bob and Linda Black
Brazil Missions Fund Given by J.J. and Barbara LaCarter in memory of Joyce Asher in memory of Jim Benton Given by Jim and Maxine Williams in honor of Margaret Ann Cowle's Birthday in honor of Lou Tunnell's Birthday in honor of Dena Lee's Birthday in honor of Carolyn O'Neal's Birthday Given by Dottie Ann Goodloe in memory of Joyce Asher Given by Captain Claude Levinge in memory of Joyce Asher	General Fund Given by Gordon and Kay Dees in memory of Lena S. Isgitt	Marian Hall Orchestra Scholarships Fund Given by John and Joan Brunson, Mark and Claire Brunson in memory of Marshall Roberts
Choir Room Furnishings Fund Given by Lucile Morgan in memory of Marshall Roberts Given by Kenneth and Clydean Norris in memory of Johnnie Abercia Given by John and Joan Brunson, Mark and Claire Brunson in memory of Marshall Roberts	Julianna Poor Memorial Counseling Center Given by William and Debra Hurst in memory of Harriett Ingram Given by Charlie and Diane Wells in memory of Dee and Hank Shaffer Given by Les and Carolyn O'Neal in memory of Harvey Joseph Matte	Mission Training Center Given by Fannie Reed Pegg in memory of Lena S. Isgitt
Deacon Support Fund Given by Lillian Boone in memory of William L. Boone	Local Missions Given by Beth Schifani, Diana Garifoli and Phyllis Hammer families in memory of Marshall Roberts Given by Monte Y. Fuller in memory of Wang Su Lan Given by Ralph and Wanda Shadle in memory of Marshall Roberts Given by Bob and Mary Fortenbach in memory of Mary Walker	Missions Given by Betty Ann Morgan in memory of Marshall Roberts
	Pre-School Ministry Given by Deb and Dub Wilson in honor of Marion Jaynes	Stephen Ministry Given in memory of Marshall Roberts by Loretta Ross by Margaret Stephens by Lester and Cheryl Roberts

► **LIVING PROOF MINISTRIES**

"It's Tough Being A Woman" – an inter-denominational Ladies' Bible Study on the Book of Esther. Ten tuesday evenings with **Beth Moore** and the worship team going on now through November 13 from 6:30–8:30 PM. Sorry, child care is not available. Admission is free. No registration required. For more information, call **281.859.1375** or visit www.lproof.org/houston_connection.aspx



► **IMPACT MINISTRY - SINGLES 40+**
Singles Caribbean Cruise Information Meeting

Thursday, October 11. 7:00 PM. Oasis
Questions, answers, roommates and "need to know" information. If you have your passport, bring your passport number with you. A light meal will be provided. RSVP **713.957.7691**.

Single Women's Car Clinic
Saturday, October 13. 8:00 AM–2:00 PM. Auto Doc @ 1208 Montrose Blvd. Appointments are required. Make a reservation by calling Auto Doc at **713.522.2277**. For more information, call the Adult Enrichment office at 713.957.7691 or email adult.enrichment@hfbc.org.

► **MISSIONS MINISTRY**
Late Fall 2007 & Early Spring 2008 Missionary Journeys

CENTRAL HOUSTON AND USA San Francisco, California April 2008 Jerrell Altic jerrell.altic@hfbc.org	CENTRAL ASIA Chandighar, India William Taylor December 28, 2007–January 12, 2008 William Taylor/Bob Caldwell william.taylor@hfbc.org
CENTRAL AMERICA & CARIBBEAN San Jose, Costa Rica (Rookie Trip) March 15–22, 2008 Danny Uhyrek duhyrek@mccoyinc.com	Himalayas Kalimpong, India April 2008 David Wells – david.wells@hfbc.org
Antigua, Guatemala (Rookie Trip) March 15–22, 2008 James Greer/LeAnne Rigsby greer_jc@hotmail.com 832.434.1416	Philippines (team filled) November 2007 Gary Cunningham
Havana, Cuba March 1–8, 2008 Frank Blackwood frank.blackwood@hfbc.org	CENTRAL EUROPE Torino, Italy (team filled) October 2007 Ben Bringardner – ben@x-ben.com
Acuna, Mexico November 2007 Fred Warren – fredwarren@gmail.com	Nizhniy Novgorod Russia (team filled) October 2007 Sally Hinzle sallyhinzle@ubahouston.org
Acuna, Mexico February 8, 2007 Fred Warren – fredwarren@gmail.com	For more information on Missionary Journeys, go to HoustonsFirst.org and click on "Sign Up For Events" or call the Missions Office at 713.957.5861 .

► **MISSIONS TRAINING CENTER**
Food Pantry Golf Tournament
Saturday, October 13, Longwood Golf Club (13300 Longwood Trace Drive, Cypress, TX). Cost: \$100 per person/\$360 foursome. Price includes lunch, range balls, green fee, 1 golf pass for Tour 18, Southwyck, Bear Creek, and Longwood. All proceeds benefit the HFBC Food Pantry at the Mission Training Center. Sign up by October 5! Click on "Sign Up for Events" at www.HoustonsFirst.org. Hole Sponsorship \$100. Contact **Ruben Delgadillo** at **281.808.1434** for more information.

► **MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS 10/7 NS, Asia**
Tim B and **Laurel E**, Central Asia
Arleen Street, Middle America & the Caribbean
Edna G and **Sheryl G**, Northern Africa & Middle East
Lydia Garza, South America
Tom Pace, **Greg Queen** and **Chad Reynolds**, West Africa

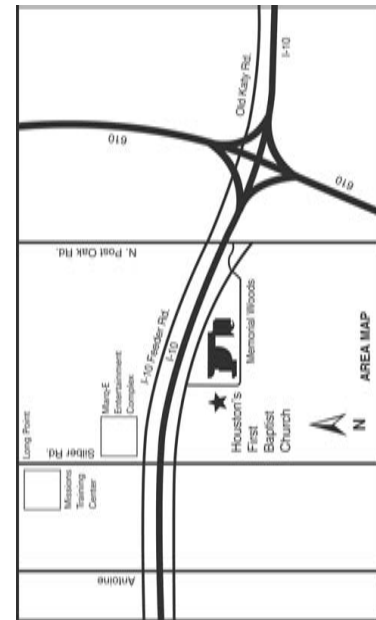
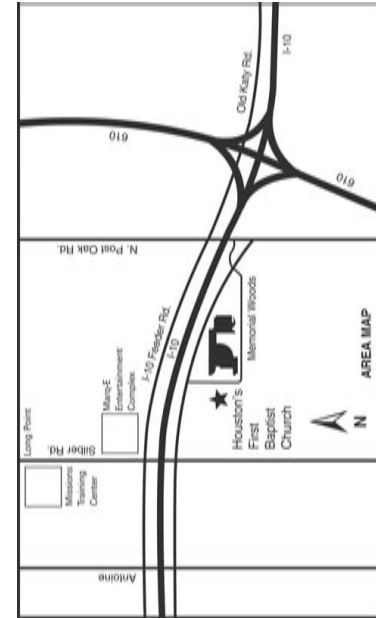
► **PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES**
2008 Holy Land Tour
March 10–24, 2008
You will get to see more Biblical and Historical sites as we journey through all of Israel than with any other tour available today. It will be one of the most amazing and life changing events of your life. Even if you have been there in the last five or ten years, you will be spellbound by the new archeological discoveries made to date.

All who are interested in going or returning to Israel are invited to an interest meeting (no obligation) at Rick and Peggy's home **Saturday, October 27** at 4:00 PM.

For more information call:
Rick & Peggy Jones
713.562.4107/713.957.6760
or
Jim & Wanda Jean Hickey
281.496.1525

► **PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Men's Prayer Time** Tuesdays, 6:30 AM, Green Room.
- **Senior Men's Prayer Time** Tuesdays, 9:00 AM, Room 258.
- **Prayer Circle** Tuesdays, 1:00–3:00 PM in the Prayer Room.
- **Pray For the Nation** 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday of each month, 6:30 PM, Room 143.
- **Ask First Prayer** Call 713.688.PRAY.
- **Consecrating the Worship Center Before Services and Pray During Morning Worship Services** Call Pray The Word Ministries, **281.656.2919**.



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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)

► **RECREATION MINISTRY**

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, October only. 12:15–12:45 PM. CLC University Room. Decrease your waistline while strengthening the back! 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.

CPR/First Aid
Saturday, October 27. 9 AM-12 noon. CLC University Room. \$30.
For more information or to sign up, call Debbie Brown at **713.957.6701**.

Inspirational Writers Alive!
First Baptist Chapter, IWA/HFBC. **October 11.** 7:00 PM. Room 259.
Meets every second Thursday of the month. Visitors welcome. Future meetings: November 8. No meeting in December. For more information contact Wanda Shadle at **713.862.1115** or rwshadle@sbcglobal.net

► **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.




Hall of Fame

The Sloan Library staff would like to thank everyone who participated in the summer reading program. Readers who completed the requirements for the Reading Hall of Fame are invited to come by the library to pick up their certificates and awards during normal business hours.

► **STUDENT MINISTRY**

Midlink Schedule 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)



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

► **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

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
Now through 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
Now through 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
Now through October 24

Piece Makers
10:00 AM–12:00 PM, Room 143
Now through 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

Bunko, Babes, & Burgers **Friday, October 12, 6:30 PM.**
Burgers off the grill, bunko and 'rockin' music with Lisa Pierre. Burgers at 6:30 PM and Bunko at 7:15 PM in the Fellowship Center. Contact **Jessica Martinez** at **713.957.7642**, jessica.martinez@hfbc.org. Click on "Sign Up For Events" at www.HoustonsFirst.org or register with Jessica Martinez. **Deadline: October 8.** Cost: \$10 per person. Registration in the Welcome Center October 7.

Wednesday Night
Joy of Living – Study of Revelation
Taught by Denise Munton
7:00–8:45 PM, Room 263/264
Now through November 14

Thursday Morning
Joy of Living – Study of Revelation
Taught by Marsha Taylor
9:45 AM–12:00 PM, Room 249
Now through 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
Now through November 15

Thursday Evening
The Missing Peace: Finding Encouragement on the Journey of Infertility
with Alissa Franklin
6:30–8:30 PM, Room 249
Now through 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**.



► **WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**




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.
October 10:
Jerrell Altic... "Faithfulness"




► **MIDLINK**
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.



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).



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 508
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

7 SUNDAY WORSHIP Pastor Gregg Matte The Assembly, 9:10 AM The Gathering, 10:45 AM Ascend, 6:30 PM	8 Monday	9 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	10 Wednesday Highpoint Downtown Business Luncheon, MIDLINK Cafe, Orchestra, Choir rehearsals, Support Groups	11 Thursday Phase II – ministering to widows and widowers adjusting to the loss of their spouse	12 Friday Celebrate Recovery, 6:00–9:00 PM Rooms 362/363	13 Saturday Prayer time in the Sloan Library 5:00–6:00 PM
14 SUNDAY WORSHIP Pastor Gregg Matte The Assembly, 9:10 AM The Gathering, 10:45 AM Ascend, 6:30 PM	15 Monday Stephen Ministry Supervisory Groups, 6:30 PM	16 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	17 Wednesday Highpoint Downtown Business Luncheon, MIDLINK Cafe, Orchestra, Choir rehearsals, Support Groups	18 Thursday Griefshare Support 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 143	19 Friday Celebrate Recovery, 6:00–9:00 PM Rooms 362/363	20 Saturday Prayer time in the Sloan Library 5:00–6:00 PM