

FIRST EDITION

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December 23, 2007 713.681.8000



CHARACTERS OF CHRISTMAS: SIMEON & ANNA VS. INNKEEPER

Luke 2:25-38

This Sunday, December 23, Pastor Gregg continues the 5-part series entitled "Characters of Christmas."

Pastor Gregg Matte



Year End Giving

For complete information about year end giving see inside for details.

Give Sacrificially to the World Mission Offering

Now through February. See inside for more information.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Monday, December 24

5:00 PM & 11:00 PM

No childcare provided.

5:00 PM service is designed for families with small children.

December 23 Christmas Holiday Schedule

- Assembly and Gathering Services
- Childcare/Sunday School for Birth to Pre-K at 9:10 AM & 10:30 AM
- No Sunday Bible Study
- No Ascend Service



Check out the list of Missionary U Spring 2008 classes inside.

Sign Up Today!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Worship Leaders

Upcoming Assembly guest worship leaders:

December 30: Keith Jefferson

January 6: Keith Jefferson

January 13: Dick Hill (Worship Pastor on-leave at Champion Forest Baptist)

January 20: Dick Hill

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

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!

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.

WORSHIP ETIQUETTE

To provide a worshipful environment for everyone, please

- turn off cell phones and pagers,
- go to the restroom or get a drink of water before the service begins (your children included), and
- remain seated once Bible study begins.

If you leave during the service, please

- reenter through the rear doors and find a new seat in the back, or
- watch on the Main Foyer monitor.

Please remain in the Worship Center during the invitation and pray for God to move in the hearts of those around you.

Pastor Gregg and other worshippers appreciate your cooperation!



Worship Guide

December 23, 2007, 9:10 AM

The Assembly



Prelude
Orchestra

Our Songs of Joyful Praise

Come, Thou

Long Expected Jesus (124)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (123)

Prayer and Welcome

Worship Through Giving

All Praise to Him

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

Keith Jefferson

That Night

Choir/Orchestra

Paula Blackmon, directing

Message

Pastor Gregg Matte

Our Response

In My Life Lord, Be Glorified

Dismissed to Lives of Worship

Organ Postlude

Paula Blackmon

Gregg Matte, Pastor
Keith Jefferson, Guest 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Guest Speakers

December 30: Afshin Ziafat, HFBC member and former Muslim

January 6: Dr. Bob Reccord, Former President, North American Mission Board

COUNSELING MINISTRY

Support Groups Schedule

DivorceCare will meet on **December 26** from 7:00–8:30 PM in room 265.

Celebrate Recovery will now meet in the Fellowship Center on Thursday nights from 6:00–9:00 PM.

Celebrate Recovery Step Study will meet on Sunday and Wednesday nights. Sunday night from 5:00–7:00 PM in room 602 and Wednesday nights from 6:30–8:30 PM in rooms 333 and 336.

Overcoming Depression—Now called General Support group will not meet through the holidays and will start again in January.

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.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

Calling all Active Duty Personnel!

Are you or a loved one currently serving in the armed forces? If so, HFBC wants to know! Please send the names, mailing addresses and military branch of active duty personnel in the HFBC family to **Joe Ann McClure** in Membership Services at joann.mcclure@hfbc.org.

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: _____)

▶ **ADULT MINISTRIES**

Precepts - Spring 2008

Mondays

Marriage w/o Regrets

Danny & Cindy Davis
Home Study-Spring Branch Area
dannydavis@houston.rr.com
Start Date: January 14
End Date: April 28, 6:30-8:30 PM

Covenant

Sandy Wright - Room 258
Sandra.Wright@humble.k12.tx.us
Start Date: January 14
End Date: March 31, 6:30-8:30 PM

Tuesdays

John - Part II

Cathy Wright - Room 251
cathy.wright@houston.rr.com
Start Date: January 15
End Date: April 8, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

Revelation Part III

Barbara Evans
Home Study-Katy Area
glorybe.evans@yahoo.com
Start Date: January 15
End Date: April 8, 7:00-9:30 PM

Wednesdays

Genesis - Part II-IV

Robert & Denice Brown - Room 331
RLBlundell@aol.com
Start Date: January 16
End Date: March 19, 6:30-9:00 PM

Romans - Part II

Carlos & Debbie Gutierrez
Home Study-Spring Branch Area
Start Date: January 16
End Date: March 19, 6:30-9:00 PM

▶ **COUNSELING MINISTRY 713/335-6462**

New Therapy Groups Forming

Co-dependency Groups. Have you thought you have an imbalanced sense of responsibility to rescue, fix and/or help people who usually don't want your help? Have you been told you are co-dependent but don't know what that means? Then these groups may be for you starting in January.

Co-dependent Men's Group: Tuesdays from 4:30-6:00 PM
Co-dependent Women's Group: Tuesdays from 2:30-4:00 PM

Please call the counseling center at **713.335.6462** to set up an pre-group screening with Enie Bourland or Cheryl Rogers.

▶ **FIRST PLACE**

First Place Winter Session 2008

First Place is offering 7 classes this session including a new class for Beth Moore's Tuesday night Bible study. This class will be a slightly modified First Place class, but will maintain the foundational purpose of First Place. Facilitated by registered and licensed dietitian Erin DuBroc, this class is for women who desire to learn more about practical nutrition, health and wellness, and apply the wisdom gained from Breaking Free to the areas of physical, emotional, mental and spiritual health.

New members are required to attend one orientation meeting before registering. Orientation meetings for the 12-week winter session are scheduled for Thursday, January 10 at 6:30 PM and Sunday, January 13 at 4:00 PM both in Room 143.

Classes Offered: **Thursday**, 6:30 PM Coed, begins 1/17. **Sunday**, 7:30 AM Coed, and 5:00 PM Coed, begin 1/20. **Monday**, 6:00 PM Ladies, begins 1/21. **Tuesday**, 12 noon Ladies (2 classes available), & 5:00 PM LPM Ladies begin 1/22.

Registration forms are available in the CLC lobby or register online by clicking the "Sign Up For Events" link at HoustonsFirst.org. If you have questions, please call Lisa Lewis at **713.688.6788 x403**. Registration deadline: January 13.

▶ **EDUCATION MINISTRIES**

Financial Peace University

Wednesdays, January 9-April 30, 6:30-8:30 PM, Room 335. Ryan and Meredith Sauer, facilitators. Follow the church's leadership and become debt free! Attend Financial Peace University on Wednesday nights beginning January 9. Materials \$90.00. For more info contact **Meredith Sauer** at msauer1028@yahoo.com.

▶ **FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Stock Gifts and Year-End Giving

Year End Giving

The church business office will be open until 4:30 PM on Monday, December 31, 2007 to receive contributions that will qualify as a 2007 donation. Any donations received via mail will be treated as a 2007 donation if the postmark date on the envelope is before January 1, 2008. In addition, any donations made via the church's website at HoustonsFirst.org before midnight on December 31, 2007 will qualify as a 2007 donation. Please contact **Lynn Watson** at **713.957.5806** or at lynn.watson@hfbc.org should you desire additional information.



Gifts of Securities

The gifting of stock to the church is a "win-win" situation for both the donor and the church. Since the church is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the gift will qualify as a charitable contribution and is tax deductible.

For example: Assume you own 1,000 shares of XYZ Corporation for which you paid \$10 per share, for a total investment of \$10,000. The stock is currently worth \$20 per share, for a total value of \$20,000. Assuming that you had held the stock over a year, and then sold the stock and donated the proceeds to the church, you would incur a capital gain tax, as high as 15%. (The maximum tax rate on a short-term gain is even higher) Thus, you would pay \$1,500 in taxes before giving anything to the church.

A better strategy is to donate the stock directly to the church, thus avoiding any capital gain tax. This is a very simple and easy process that can be coordinated through the Financial Services office of the church. On all tax questions, it is advisable to consult with your tax advisor or CPA.

To make a gift of securities, please review the instructions at HoustonsFirst.org and click on the Giving/Gifts of Securities navigation tabs in the left margin.

IRA Distributions under the Pension Protection Act

In addition to the above, as a result of the Pension Protection Act of 2006, individuals aged 70 1/2 or older are eligible to make a donation to a charity from their IRA. This provision will expire on December 31, 2007. Because this distribution is not included in an individual's taxable income, individuals will not be able to claim a deduction for their charitable contribution. Please consult with your financial institution for more information regarding this provision.

▶ **FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY**

Now receiving applications for the 08-09 school year!

- Early Childhood part-week and full week options available
- Flexible PK options available: 8-12, 8-3 and full day
- Limited availability; submit applications by January 31, 2008
- Visit our website at fbahouston.org for an application, etc.
- Call **713.290.2522** to schedule a personal tour



▶ **PASTORAL CARE UPDATE**

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:

Brad and Cheri Barton in the birth of their son, **Titus Davis**. Brother: **Hunter**.

Jim and Diana Fisher in the birth of their son, **James Anderson**. Sister: **Carolina**.

David and Gina Lingo in the birth of their son, **Connor Jack**. Grandparents: **Bill and Ann Hornbeak**.

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

Lois Woodlief in the death of her husband, **William Woodlief** (Deacon). Daughter: **Diane Proctor**.

Deborah Tate in the death of her husband, **Kenneth Tate** (Deacon).

Larry and Jeanette George in the death of his father, **Doyce George**. Grandchildren: **Jennifer, Jeff, and Jeremy**.

Friends and Family of **Renee Feeney**.

Jerry and Sylvia Feters in the death of her mother, **Claudine Matlock**.

Carl and Bonnie Crawford in the death of his sister.

Rodger (Deacon) and **Sharon Reynolds** in the death of his mother. Grandchildren: **Evan, Lindsey** and her husband, **Shane**.

Ruth Munoz in the death of her grandmother, **Ramona Munoz**.

Keith and Jennifer Hall in the death of her mother, **Estelle Henson**. Grandsons: **Kreg and Kurt Hall**.

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

▶ **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)

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Gregg Matte, Pastor << >> www.HoustonsFirst.org

Bible Study:
8:00 AM Adults
9:10 & 10:30 AM, 12:00 & 5:15 PM All Ages

Sunday Schedule:
9:10 AM The Assembly (Choir & Orchestra)
10:45 AM The Gathering (Gathering Band)
6:30 PM Ascend (Ascend Band)

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► **FUSION MINISTRIES - MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS**

Parents' Night Out

Friday, January 11, 2008. 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. Sign up 24 hours a day at HoustonsFirst.org by clicking on "Sign Up for Events." Deadline for registration is Sunday, January 6. For more information call **713.957.7681** or email christen.barrios@hfbc.org.

Marriage Retreat - Tour de Romance

February 8–9, 2008. Omni Houston. \$199 per couple. Make 2008 great by investing in your marriage. Enjoy a romantic evening of ballroom dancing and desserts on Friday followed by three highly encouraging, practical lessons on Saturday with Michael and Heidi O'Brien. To sign up visit HoustonsFirst.org and click on "Sign Up for Events." For questions, call **713.957.7681**.

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

The following Christmas books are in memory of Mary Lucile Shipley Ormsby given by her family:

Bethlehem Christmas: Celebrating the Joyful Season by Charles R. Swindoll

An Irish Christmas by Melody Carlson

This Christmas Night: Reflections from Our Hearts to Your Home

by Billy & Ruth Graham

The Little Shepherd Girl: A Christmas Story by Juliann Henry

The Light of Christmas by Dandi Daley Mackall

What Happened To Merry Christmas? By Robert C. Baker

► **MEN'S MINISTRY - BAND OF BROTHERS**

Men's Life:

The Quest for Authentic Manhood

"The Quest" is a study that began September 13 at 6:00 AM in the Fellowship Center (concluding April 3) and also on Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM in room 364 (concluding April 6). Men's Life is led by Eric Reed, Gregg Matte, and Don Munton and co-led by Ben Prichett and Afshin Ziafat. Beginning **Sunday, January 6** or **Thursday, January 10** you can join Quest for the second half of the study as we focus on the Biblical definition of manhood and practical ways of living that out whether you are single or married. If you haven't already, you can register online or at the door for \$25. Register on "Sign Up For Events" at HoustonsFirst.org. For information, call **713.957.7681**.



Wild at Heart

Wednesdays, January 9–February 27, 2008. 7:00–8:30 PM. Room 300.

Remember your boyhood dreams of tracking those dangerous villains, sword fighting and storming the castle guarded by the fire breathing Dragon? God has created you for a life of adventure and has planted it in your Heart. Join the Band of Brothers for this life-changing, interactive, multi-media experience led by Roland Hurst. To get the most from the study, purchase the Wild at Heart Field Manual available in the Garden Bookstore.

Men's Ministry Ski Trip 2008 (in conjunction with Summit Ministries)

Wednesdays, April 2–Sunday, April 6, 2008. Keystone Mountain, Colorado.

More information to come on the Men's Ministry web page. Sign up at HoustonsFirst.org by clicking on "Sign Up for Events." Early bird discount ends January 7. For information call **713.957.7671** or email dana.moya@hfbc.org.

► **MISSIONS MINISTRY**

Spring 2008 Missionary Journeys

CENTRAL ASIA

Chandigarh, India

December 28, 2007–January 12, 2008

Becky Parker

becky.parker@hfbc.org

San Jose, Costa Rica

(Rookie Trip)

March 15–22, 2008

Danny Uhyrek/Malcolm Marshall

duhyrek@mccoyinc.com

malcolm.marshall@hfbc.org

Antigua, Guatemala

(Rookie Trip)

March 15–22, 2008

James Greer/LeAnne Rigbsby

greer_jc@hotmail.com

713.923.5662

Havana, Cuba

March 22–29, 2008

Frank Blackwood

frank.blackwood@hfbc.org

Missionary U Classes - Spring 2008

How to Lead a Missionary Journey

Sundays, January 6–January 27

5:00–6:15 PM, Connection Center

William Taylor, Jerrell Altic, and Frank

Blackwood

Chronological Bible Storying

Wednesdays, January 9–January 30

6:30–8:00 PM, Room 251

Peter Swann

Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts

Wednesdays, January 23–February 27

6:30–7:30 PM, Room 252

Malcolm Marshall

Perspectives

Wednesdays, January 30–May 21

6:30–9:30 PM, Room 143

Peggy Meeks

Personal Devotions & Memorizing God's Word

Wednesdays, January 9–January 30

6:30–7:30 PM, Connection Center

William & Nancy Taylor

Intro. to Spanish

Sundays, January 13–February 10

5:00–6:15 PM, Room 336

Senny Smith

Spanish I

Sundays, January 13–March 23

5:00–6:15 PM, Room 335

Jesse Moya

Spanish II

Sundays, January 13–March 23

5:00–6:15 PM, Room 331

Obed Franco

Spanish III

Wednesdays, January 9–April 2

6:30–8:30 PM, Room 334

Noel May



For more information on Missionary Journeys and/or Missionary U Classes, go to HoustonsFirst.org and click on "Sign Up For Events" or call the Missions Office at **713.957.5861**.

► **MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS 12/23**

Scott S and **TJ**, Asia

Darrell B, Central Asia

Steven James, Central & Eastern Europe

Edward Miller, Central, Eastern & Southern Africa

Brigitte C and **CLG**, Last Frontier

Roger Grossman, **Don Kennedy**, and

Patti Sorrell, Middle America & the

Caribbean

Charlie W, **Jennifer P**, **Kathy W**, and

Tome H, Pacific Rim

Deborah Jefferson, South America

Chris A, South Asia

Dennis Clermont and **Shirley Smith**,

West Africa

Jan, Western Europe

► **PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES**

CanHope Kickoff Luncheon

Sunday, January 20, 2008, 12:15 PM.

Oasis Room. \$5 Individual/\$10 Family.

An introduction to CanHope

(ministering to families touched by cancer)

with a special luncheon and

guest speaker. The Guest Speaker will

be noted author of Biblical Nutrition

101, Charles "Charlie" Brown. Charlie

will be talking about his personal

battle with cancer and how God had

the victory. Please make your

reservations by January 17, 2008,

through the Pastoral Care office at

713.957.6761. Every one is invited!

► **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.

► **RECREATION MINISTRY**

Positions Available

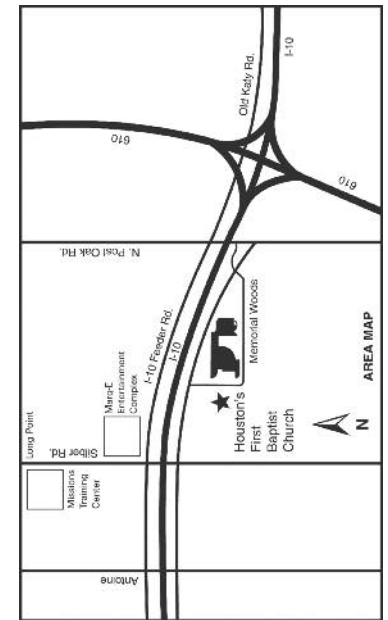
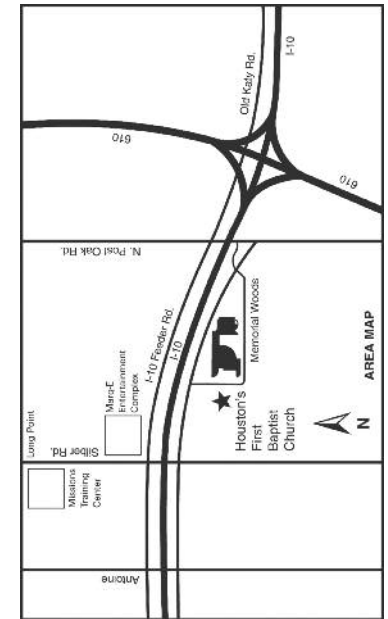
The Recreation Ministry is accepting

applications for personal trainers and

aerobic instructors. Contact **Debbie**

Brown for more information at

713.957.6701.



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► **MISSIONS MINISTRY**



Give Sacrificially to the World Mission Offering

The World Mission Offering, given annually from **December through February**, is money above tithes and dispersed by the Missions Development Council of Houston's First Baptist Church. The funds are distributed to the following national Southern Baptist organizations:

The International Missions Board designated to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, 100% of which goes to fund the overseas mission budget where our IMB missionaries are on the field.

The North American Missions Board designated to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Southern Baptist of Texas State Missions designated to state missions.

Generally, the guidelines for disbursement of total World Mission Offering received by February 29 are approximately as follows: IMB 85%, NAMB 10%, SBTC 5%.

Look for World Mission Offering envelopes in the Worship Center or give online at HoustonsFirst.org then click on the WMO button.

► **SPIRITUAL MATURITY**

Evangelism Explosion

Sunday, February 10, 2008. 5:00 PM. Fellowship Center. What is EE?

EE is a biblical training method that equips lay people to witness through a simple and clear Gospel presentation using scripture and illustrations. EE is transforming churches in every nation by equipping pastors and lay people to share their faith in every walk of life. EE not only empowers you to gain confidence in presenting the Gospel, it enables you to train others to witness, and in turn they will teach others as well. To sign up call **713.957.7661**, email evangelism@hfbc.org.

Kid's EE: Children 3rd-6th grade

Sunday, January 13, 2008. 5:00 PM. ROOM 323. No cost. *All this and Farley too!* 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. To sign up call **713.957.7661**, email evangelism@hfbc.org or go to HoustonsFirst.org then click on "Sign Up For Events."

Share Your Faith Workshop

Motivation • Inspiration • Participation

Saturday, January 12, 2008. 8:30 AM-4:00 PM. Fellowship Center. \$15. 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. Five key Gospel points using the five fingers of your hand. Easy to learn, hard to forget. A tool you will use the rest of your life and it never leaves your side! Lunch will be provided. To sign up call **713.957.7661**, email evangelism@hfbc.org or go to HoustonsFirst.org then click on "Sign Up For Events."

Lord's Supper Observance

The First Lord's Supper for the New Year will be on **January 13, 2008**. It will also be the last in the Worship Center "as we know it." If you have not attended the 6:30 PM service for the Lord's Supper, you may not be aware that the deacons serve from tables rather than to the seats, as in the two morning services.

► **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

Spring 2008 Bible Study Opportunities for Women



**Tuesday Morning
The M&M Bible Study**

Study of Acts
For women of all ages
Taught by Merle Jordan
10:30 AM-12:00 PM, Chapel
January 8-April 8

Women on Missions

with Bonnie Craig
11:45 AM-1:00 PM, Fellowship Center A
January 8-April 8

MotherWise "Freedom for Mothers"

with Claire Turner
9:30 AM-12:30 PM, Room 249
January 8-March 18

Tuesday Afternoon

(Beginning January 8)
Prayer Time
with Delores Niles
1:00 PM, Prayer Room
Meets year round

Tuesday Evening

Breaking Free with Beth Moore
6:30-8:30 PM, Worship Center
January 8-March 25

Wednesday Morning

Parenting by Design
with Lisa Taylor & Becky Drake
9:00-10:30 AM, Connection Center
January 9-February 27

Piece Makers

10:00 AM-12:00 PM, Room 143
January 9-April 9

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Kimberlee Johannesen, Coordinator
9:30 AM-12:00 PM, Green Room
January: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays
February-May: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

**Wednesday Night
Joy of Living**

Study of Revelation
Taught by Denise Munton
6:30-8:45 PM, Room 263/264
January 9-April 23

Hannah's Hope

with Alissa Franklin
6:30-8:30 PM, Room 258
January 9-March 12

Thursday Morning

Finding Freedom from the Frenzy
with Becky Turner
9:30-11:00 AM, Room 252
January 10-February 14

Joy of Living

Study of Revelation
Taught by Marsha Taylor
9:45 AM-12:00 PM, Room 249
January 10-April 24

Friday Night

(Beginning January 11)
Picture Perfect
with Alissa Franklin & Darlene Wilkins
7:00-11:00 PM, Room 143
First Friday of the month
January-May

Sunday Evening

Boundaries
Facilitated by Sue Hurst
5:00-6:15 PM, University Room A
January 13-March 9

For more information contact:

Carolyn O'Neal at carolyn.oneal@hfbc.org
713.957.7640
or **Jessica Martinez** at jessica.martinez@hfbc.org
713.957.7642

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 **713.957.7614.11**

► **WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**



Each Wednesday, Lower level of the 1010 Lamar Building. Lunch available for \$6.00, 11:30 AM. Bible Study begins at 12:10 PM and ends at 12:40 PM.



December 26: Christmas Break.
Highpoint will resume January 9.

► **MIDLINK**

MidLink Cafe

Wednesday Night Meals will resume on Wednesday, January 9 when MidLink starts its new session from January 9-May 14.

WNBS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

A mid-week service for the entire HFBC family. Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Center. **WNBS will resume with MidLink on Wednesday, January 9.**

Girls in Action (GA's)

1st-5th grade, 3:30-4:30 PM, Room 507, begins January 9

Royal Ambassadors (RA's)

1st-5th grade, 3:30-4:30 PM, Room 508, begins January 9

TeamKid

1st-5th grade, 6:00-7:00 PM, CLC University Room, begins January 9

The following activities will not meet due to the Christmas Holiday. They will resume on January 2, 2008.

Orchestra Rehearsal (by audition)
Choir Rehearsal
Mission Friends Explore

Special Christmas Hours:

Sloan Library/Resource Center
8:00 AM-12:30 PM
Garden Bookstore 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

29 Saturday Prayer time in the Sloan Library 5:00-6:00 PM	5 Saturday Prayer time in the Sloan Library 5:00-6:00 PM
28 Friday	4 Friday
27 Thursday	3 Thursday
26 Wednesday Support Groups Sloan Memorial Library: 8:30 AM-12:30 PM Garden Bookstore: Early Closure 5:00 PM	2 Wednesday Orchestra, Choir Rehearsals, Support Groups
25 Tuesday Christmas Day Church Offices Closed	1 Tuesday New Years Day Church Offices Closed
24 Monday Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, 5:00 PM & 11:00 PM Christmas Holiday Church Offices Closed	31 Monday
23 SUNDAY WORSHIP Pastor Gregg Matte The Assembly, 9:10 AM The Gathering, 10:45 AM No Ascend Service Sloan Memorial Library: 8:30 AM-12:30 PM	30 SUNDAY WORSHIP Guest Speaker Alshin Zlatat The Assembly, 9:10 AM The Gathering, 10:45 AM Ascend, 6:30 PM

2 WEEKS AT A GLANCE - DEC./JAN.