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MILESTONES: PARENTING

I Samuel 1:21-28

This Sunday, January 13, Pastor Gregg begins a 9-part series entitled "Milestones."

Pastor Gregg Matte



Get Connected in a Bible Study Class

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

MIDLINK

...connecting the Body from
Sunday to Sunday!

Join the HFBC family this
Wednesday evening for
MidLink—an evening of food and
activities for all ages!

Lord's Supper Observance

The Lord's Supper will be
observed today in all three
services.

All deacons serving, please report
to the Pastor's office before service.

Give Sacrificially to the World Mission Offering

Now through
February.
See inside for
more information.



New Member ORIENTATION

Sunday, January 20
with Pastor Gregg Matte
For New and Prospective Members
12:00 PM Lunch or 5:00 PM Dessert
RSVP 713.335.6451 or
carrie.cochran@hfbc.org
(Childcare available upon request)



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:

Today's guest worship leader in the
Assembly is **Dick Hill**, Worship Pastor
on leave at Champion Forest Baptist
Church.

January 20: Dick Hill

January 27: Keith Jefferson

February 3: Landon Gilmore – Graduate
Assistant in the Department of Choral
Music at SHSU, Huntsville.

February 10: Dr. Brian Runnels – Dean
of the College of Arts and Humanities at
HBU, Houston.

February 17: Travis Cottrell – Worship
Leader, Christian artist and composer
from Nashville, TN.

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!

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**.

THE HUB - STUDENT MINISTRY Missions 08 Interest Meeting

Today. 12:00 Noon. Room 362. For all
Students and Parents. Come hear about
the mission trips that are planned for the
summer and pick up an application!

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.

Worship Guide

January 13, 2008 9:10 AM

The Assembly



Prelude

Be Thou My Vision
Orchestra

Hymns of Praise

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Friend of God

Prayer and Welcome

Worship through Giving

All Praise to Him

Draw Me Close
How Great is Our God

Lord's Supper

Message

Pastor Gregg Matte

Our Response

I Give All to You

Dismissed to Lives of Worship

Organ Postlude

Paula Blackmon

Gregg Matte, Pastor
Dick Hill, 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.

DECISIONS JANUARY 6, 2008

Baptized

Cindy Black, MYBA
Cherie L. Corbello, MYBD
Roland J. Corbello Jr., MYBD
Nicholas T. Horace, ACBA
Adriana Nicole Schubert, C5CA
Thomas D. Tyrrell, MYCB

For Baptism

Cody S. Acuff, S2BB
Reynaldo Banuelos, MYBA
Faith A. Beisel, C3BA
Tim Napp, MYBB
Oliver M. Summers, ACBA
Boney A. Valdes, MYBB
Lindsay A. Vogel, ACBA

From Other Fellowships

Tiffany L. Clifton, S2EA
Carrie A. Felps, MYBA
Victoria Kelly, S2BC
John Cooper Lindner, S3BA
Barbara A. Pratt, S3BA
Chelsea C. Thornburgh, S2EA
Anna Lee Tolleson, MYBD
Shane R. Tolleson, MYBD

WEEKLY SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE, JAN. 6, 2008

Sunday Bible Study2,982
Mission Bible Study624
Weekday Bible Study227
Total3,833

Wednesday Night.....0

GIVING, WEEK ENDING JAN. 6, 2008

Tithes & Offerings.....\$282,673
Weekly Requirements\$271,158
Over/(Under).....\$11,515
Designated Gifts.....\$224,098
Over/(Under) for Jan.\$11,515

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



WEEK ENDING JANUARY 6, 2008

Total Pledged.....\$24,216,611
Donations Received\$281,390
Total Received\$4,059,742

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: _____)

FUSION MINISTRIES - MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS

Marriage Retreat - Tour de Romance

February 8–9. 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 Long-Awaited Child by Tracie Peterson
The Pearl by Angela Hunt
A Texas Legacy Christmas by DiAnn Mills
Love’s Unending Legacy – a DVD based on a novel from Janette Oke’s *Love Comes Softly* series

Red River Of the North series by Lauraine Snelling given by Merlene Nelson: Book 1, **An Untamed Land**; Book 2, **A New Day**; Book 3, **A Land To Call Home**; Book 4, **The Reapers’ Song**; Book 5, **Tender Mercies**; and Book 6, **Blessing in Disguise**.

LIVING PROOF MINISTRIES

Breaking Free with Beth Moore

Need to deal with your stuff? Wish you had someone to help you? Come to a safe place for *Breaking Free*. Every woman welcome. **Tuesdays through March 25** from 6:30–8:30 PM in the HFBC worship center. Workbooks are available in the Garden Bookstore. No registration necessary. Sorry, no childcare available.

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 meets 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 The 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 more information, call 713.957.7681.



Wild at Heart

Wednesdays, Now through February 27. 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 (in conjunction with Summit Ministries)

Wednesday, April 2–Sunday, April 6. 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.” For information call 713.957.7671 or email dana.moya@hfbc.org.

MISSIONS MINISTRY

Spring 2008 Missionary Journeys

Antigua, Guatemala
(Rookie Trip w/ Pastor)
March 15–22
James Greer/LeAnne Rigsby
greer_jc@hotmail.com
713.923.5662

Havana, Cuba
March 22–29
Frank Blackwood
frank.blackwood@hfbc.org

Chimaltengo & Frijanes, Guatemala
April 3–10
Carrie Cochran
carrie.cochran@hfbc.org

San Jose, Costa Rica (Rookie Trip)
March 15–22
Danny Uhyrek/Malcolm Marshall
duhyrek@mccoyinc.com
malcolm.marshall@hfbc.org

Missionary U Classes - Spring 2008

How to Lead a Missionary Journey
Wednesdays, Now through January 30
6:30–7:30 PM, Connection Center
William Taylor, Jerrell Altic, and Frank Blackwood

Chronological Bible Storying
Wednesdays, Now through 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, Now through January 30
6:30–7:30 PM, Room 329
William & Nancy Taylor

Building A House of Prayer
Sundays, January 13–March 30
5:00–6:15 PM, Room 256

Intro. to Spanish
Sundays, January 13–February 10
5:00–6:15 PM, Room 334
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 319
Vicky Moscoso

Spanish III
Sundays, January 13–March 23
5:00–6:15 PM, Room 331
Obed Franco

Spanish IV
Wednesdays, Now through 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 713.957.5861.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS 1/13

Jonya S, Central Asia
Larry Ewing and **Dave Sechrist**, Central & Eastern Europe
Sarah Michael Milner and **Jim Sellers**, Central, Eastern & Southern Africa
Whitney, Last Frontier
John Mark Hansen and **Garey Scott**, Middle America & the Caribbean
Jim B, Pacific Rim
Patti LaCarter and **Mark Cody**, South America
Kari S, South Asia
Perry Logerstedt, West Africa
Rusty and **Ann Espy**, Western Europe

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES

CanHope Kickoff Luncheon


Sunday, January 20.
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. Guest Speaker is noted author of Biblical Nutrition 101, Charles “Charlie” Brown. He will be talking about his personal battle with cancer and how God had the victory. Make your reservation by January 17 through the Pastoral Care office at 713.957.6761 or sign up **today** in the front foyer at the CanHope kiosk.

Stephen Ministry Training

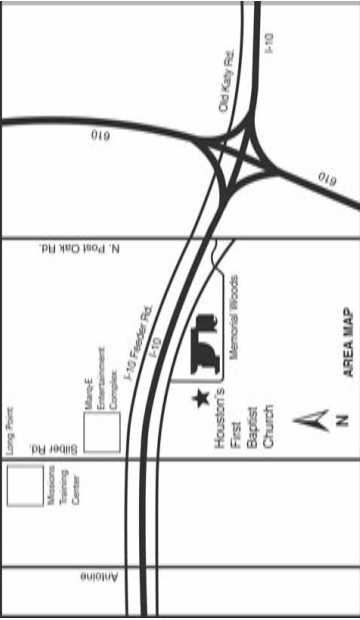
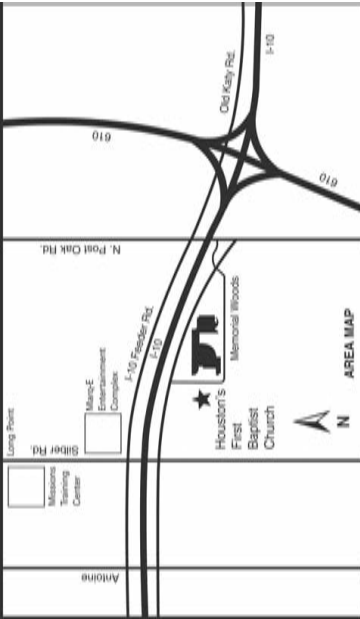
Beginning **Monday, February 18.** Dedicated and compassionate church members who are called according to His purpose will attend ten weeks of classes to begin a two year commitment of service to people that need someone to walk with them through a crisis in their life. Mandatory meetings will be held once a week on Mondays from 6:30–900 PM with two weekend retreats.If you are interested in this confidential, caring ministry please call 713.957.6761 or 713.957.6762.

HFBC PRAYER MINISTRY

Effective immediately, the HFBC Prayer Line is 713.335.6456. If you have a request for which you would like your church family to intercede, please call this line and leave your request. Requests are checked daily, and prayed for by church staff and other intercessors.

Calling all Intercessors

If you are interested in interceding on behalf of the prayer requests that are received by the HFBC Prayer Ministry, or involvement in any other prayer initiatives, contact **Becky Parker** at becky.parker@hfbc.org or 713.957.5866. Look for a new web-based prayer ministry beginning this Spring!



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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)

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

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

New Classes

Summer Job Opportunities


Kid's EE: Children 3rd–6th grade

Sunday, January 13. 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.

Evangelism Explosion

Sunday, February 10. 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** or email evangelism@hfbc.org.



Tuesday Morning
The M&M Bible Study

**Wednesday Night
Joy of Living**



Thursday Morning
Finding Freedom from the Frenzy
 with Becky Turner
 9:30–11:00 AM, Room 252
 Now through February 14

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

Women on Missions
with Bonnie Craig
11:45 AM–1:00 PM, Fellowship Center A
Now through April 8

MotherWise “Freedom for Mothers”
with Claire Turner
9:30 AM–12:30 PM, Room 249
Now through 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
 Now through March 25

Wednesday Morning
Parenting by Design
 with Lisa Taylor & Becky Drake
 9:00–10:30 AM, Connection Center
 Now through February 27

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

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**.

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 at 12:10 PM and ends at 12:40 PM.
January 16: David Self



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.

WNBS
WEDNESDAY NIGHT
BIBLE STUDY

A mid-week service for the entire HFBC family. Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Center.

Girls in Action (GA's)
1st–5th grade, 3:30–4:30 PM, Rm 507

Royal Ambassadors (RA's)
1st–5th grade, 3:30–4:30 PM, Rm 508

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

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

Sloan Library/Resource Center
Open until 6:50 PM

Garden Bookstore 9:00 AM–7:30 PM

13 SUNDAY WORSHIP Pastor Gregg Matte The Assembly, 9:10 AM The Gathering, 10:45 AM Ascend, 6:30 PM	14 Monday	15 Tuesday	16 Wednesday MidLink Cafe, MidLink, Orchestra, Choir Rehearsals, Support Groups	17 Thursday Celebrate Recovery, 6:00–9:00 PM, Fellowship Center Stephen Ministry Supervisory Groups, 6:30 PM Griefshare Support 7:00–8:30 pm, Room 143	18 Friday	19 Saturday Prayer time in the Sloan Library 5:00–6:00 PM
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