

# FIRST EDITION

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February 3, 2008

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## MILESTONES: SALVATION

Acts 8:26-40

*This Sunday, February 3, Pastor Gregg continues the 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

### Married Young Adults

*Tour de Romance  
Marriage Retreat*

**February 8 & 9**

Register today at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org)  
by clicking on "Sign Up For Events"  
Deadline: Monday, February 4

### Give Sacrificially to the World Mission Offering

Now through  
February.  
See inside for  
more information.



*...connecting the Body from  
Sunday to Sunday!*

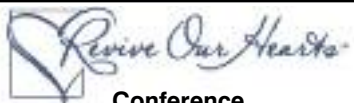
Join the HFBC family this  
Wednesday evening for  
MidLink—an evening of food and  
activities for all ages!



## Evangelism Explosion

**Begins Sunday, February 10**

5:00 PM • Fellowship Center  
See inside for more information.



### Conference

*with Nancy Leigh DeMoss*

**February 29 & March 1**

HFBC Worship Center

Registration & Information:  
[ReviveOurHearts.com](http://ReviveOurHearts.com)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Guest Worship Leaders

Today's guest worship leader in the Assembly is **Landon Gilmore**, Graduate Assistant in the Department of Choral Music at SHSU, Huntsville.

*Upcoming Assembly guest worship leaders:*

**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.

## EDUCATION MINISTRIES

### essentials course:

#### The 5 Love Languages

**Sundays, February 3-24.**

5:00-6:15 PM, FBA Library.

Facilitated by Ken and Cindy Kapp.



## THE HUB - STUDENT MINISTRY

### Soup-er Bowl Party

**Sunday, February 3.** 5:00 PM until game is over. Third Floor Student Area. Cost: \$5.00 + a can of soup for the MTC food pantry. Food, prizes and lots of games (more than just watching the game). Halftime program with special speaker!



## MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

### Are You Comcastic?

Has your "houston.rr.com" e-mail address changed to a "comcast.net" address? If so, please contact **Joe Ann McClure** in Membership Services at [joeann.mcclure@hfbc.org](mailto:joeann.mcclure@hfbc.org). You won't want to miss the HFBC E-Newsletter and other important church communications!

### 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 [joeann.mcclure@hfbc.org](mailto:joeann.mcclure@hfbc.org).

## Worship Guide

February 3, 2008 9:10 AM

## The Assembly



### Prelude

*This is My Father's World*  
Orchestra

### Our Songs of Joyful Praise

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing* (108)

*O Worship the King* (10)

### Welcome

### Worship through Giving

### Songs of Worship

*Almighty*

*Before the Throne of God Above*

*In Christ Alone*

### No More Night

Choir/Orchestra

Landon Gilmore, directing

### Message

Pastor Gregg Matte

### Our Response

*Because He Lives*

### Dismissed to Lives of Worship

### Organ Postlude

Paula Blackmon

Gregg Matte, Pastor

Landon Gilmore,

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 27, 2008

### Salvation In Christ

Grace A. Barrett, CWBA

### For Baptism

Jacob W. Buckles, C1BA

Taylor Calame, MYBA

Bobbie Jo Vasquez, AUBF

Peter G. Vescovo, MYBD

Lauren E. Wilde, S2EC

### Baptized

Will Larry Burns, C5BA

Jill L. Konieczny, S2EC

Charles D. Mohrmann, AUBP

Cooper Mohrmann, C3BA

Mary Kay Mohrmann, AUBP

Susannah G. Mohrmann, Y8BA

### From Other Fellowships

Cody Calame, MYBA

Gregory P. Eppes, MYBA

Jill E. Eppes, MYBA

Bryce A. Haskett, MYBA

Lauren Haskett, MYBA

Krendon E. Hooey, S3BB

Boyd R. Jackson, MYBK

Cheri L. Jackson, MYBK

Daniel Eric Laughlin, MYEA

Jared P. McCurley, MYBD

Kristi R. McCurley, MYBD

Brent T. Phelps, S3BA

Daniel T. Shalley, MYBA

Sarah E. Shalley, MYBA

Monica Shama, MYBA

Andrea Slaydon, AUEG

Brandon E. Slaydon, AUEG

Mark Anthony Sorrells, MYBA

Rebecca Brooke Vescovo, MYBD

## WEEKLY SUMMARY

### ATTENDANCE, JAN. 27, 2008

Sunday Bible Study .....3,246

Mission Bible Study .....949

Weekday Bible Study .....4,059

**Total .....8,254**

Wednesday Night.....760

### GIVING, WEEK ENDING JAN. 27, 2008

Tithes & Offerings.....\$212,328

Weekly Requirements .....\$271,158

Over/(Under) .....(\$58,830)

Designated Gifts.....\$92,123

Over/(Under) for Jan.....(\$145,470)

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



be a part of the *Story*

### WEEK ENDING JANUARY 27, 2008

Total Pledged.....\$24,222,155

Donations Received .....\$67,614

Total Received .....\$4,331,623

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_ )





► **THE HUB - STUDENT MINISTRY**

**essentials course: Adolescence is Here!**

**Wednesday, February 6.** 6:15 PM. Room 362. For parents of 5th–8th graders. Led by Johnny Derouen. This class will deal with the changes, physical and emotional, that take place at puberty and how to adjust your parenting.



**essentials course:**

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

**Wednesdays, February 6–March 12,** 6:30–8:00 PM. Room 251. Jason and Paige Swiggart, facilitators. For parents of preteens and teenagers. Uncover the heart issues affecting families during the often chaotic adolescent years. Books available in the Garden Bookstore.

**High School Retreat: Breathe**

**February 15–17.** 6:30 PM–Sunday after The Gathering. Cost: \$50.

*Breathe* – a weekend intended to help students grow spiritually and to unplug, relax and have fun. Registration: [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) / “Sign Up for Events” or HUB student office. More info? [thehubstudents.com](http://thehubstudents.com) or contact Linda Sproule at **713.957.7634** / [linda.sproule@hfbc.org](mailto:linda.sproule@hfbc.org).

► **IMPACT MINISTRIES - SINGLES 40–60**

**IMPACT Sunday Lunch**

**Sundays** at 12 noon. Everyone welcome. February 3: Red Robin, Silber & I-10, February 10: Pot Luck, HFBC Room 264, February 17: Star Pizza, 77 Harvard @ Washington, February 24: Eastern Restaurant, 2199 W. 34th.

**IMPACT Book Club Fellowship**

**Saturday, February 9.** 11:30 AM–1:30 PM. HFBC Connection Center. “The Relational Word” by Josh McDowell and Thomas Williams.

**Servant Saturday**

**Saturday, February 9.** 11:00 AM. Missions Training Center. Serve lunch to the women at Christian Women’s Job Corp. Contact Jackie Ogg at **713.957.7694** / [impact.ministries@hfbc.org](mailto:impact.ministries@hfbc.org).

**Mission Trip Fundraiser: Breakfast Tacos**

**Sunday, February 10.** 8:00–10:30 AM. IMPACT Singles are raising money to help with their Costa Rica Mission trip. Breakfast tacos will be available in front of the Fellowship Center for \$3.00.

**IMPACT Valentine Cruise**

**Saturday, February 16.** 4:00–8:30 PM. Seabrook, TX. Cost: \$25. Sail on the Spirit of Texas Paddlewheeler. Make reservations in the IMPACT office. Deadline: February 11. For information call **713.957.7694** / [impact.ministries@hfbc.org](mailto:impact.ministries@hfbc.org).

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

**Wild at Heart**

**Wednesdays, Now through February 27.** 7:00–8:30 PM. Room 300. Join the Band of Brothers for this life-changing, interactive, multi-media experience led by Roland Hurst. Workbook available in the Garden Bookstore.

**Band of Brothers Ski Patrol 2008**

**Thursday, April 3–Monday, April 7.** Keystone Mountain, Colorado. Check the HFBC Men’s Ministry webpage for complete details.

► **MISSIONS MINISTRY**

**Spring 2008 Missionary Journeys**

**Antigua, Guatemala (3 spots left)**

(Rookie Trip w/ Pastor)  
March 15–22  
James Greer/LeAnne Rigsby  
[greer\\_jc@hotmail.com](mailto:greer_jc@hotmail.com)  
713.923.5662

**San Jose, Costa Rica (7 spots left)**

(Rookie Trip)  
March 15–22  
Danny Uhyrek/Malcolm Marshall  
[duhyrek@mccoyinc.com](mailto:duhyrek@mccoyinc.com)  
[malcolm.marshall@hfbc.org](mailto:malcolm.marshall@hfbc.org)

**Havana, Cuba (6 spots left)**

March 22–29  
Frank Blackwood  
[frank.blackwood@hfbc.org](mailto:frank.blackwood@hfbc.org)  
713.957.5862

**Granada, Spain (8 spots left)**

April 17-27  
William Taylor/Rochelle Ferrada  
[rochelle.ferrada@hfbc.org](mailto:rochelle.ferrada@hfbc.org)  
713.957.5861

**Missionary U Classes - Spring 2008**

**Discovering**

**Your Spiritual Gifts**

Wednesdays, January 23–February 27  
6:30–7:30 PM, Room 252  
Malcolm Marshall

**Perspectives on the World Wide Christian Movement**

Wednesdays, January 30–May 21  
6:30–9:30 PM, Room 143  
Peggy Meeks

**Building A House of Prayer**

Sundays, Now through March 30  
5:00–6:15 PM, Room 256

**Intro. to Spanish**

Sundays, Now through February 10  
5:00–6:15 PM, Room 334  
Senny Smith

**Spanish I**

Sundays, Now through March 23  
5:00–6:15 PM, Room 335  
Jesse Moya

**Spanish II**

Sundays, Now through March 23  
5:00–6:15 PM, Room 319  
Vicky Moscoso

**Spanish III**

Sundays, Now through 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org) and click on “Sign Up For Events” or call **713.957.5861**.

**Missions Fair 2008**

**Sunday, March 2.** Welcome Center/Main Foyer. 8:30 AM–1:30 PM; 4:00–8:30 PM. Spend the day with the Missions Staff, answering any questions on: The Missions Training Center, Fun Run, Mission Trips, Houston Project, Prayer Ministry & More!

► **MISSIONS TRAINING CENTER**

**Fundamentals of Wise Financial Living**

**Thursdays, February 7–April 3.** 7:00–9:00 PM. Missions Training Center. Teacher: Soo Kim Le. This free course will cover topics such as General Principles, Insurance, Risk Management, Investments, Taxes, and Retirement. To register or for more information, call **713.681.3521**.

**Inspirational Writers Alive!**

First Baptist Chapter, IWA!/HFBC  
Meets every second Thursday  
in Room 259 at 7:00 PM.  
Next meeting: **February 14.**  
Visitors welcome.  
For more information contact  
**Wanda Shadle** at **713.862.1115**  
or [rwshadle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rwshadle@sbcglobal.net).

► **MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS 2/3**

**Dan R,**  
Asia  
**Stacey B,**  
Central Asia  
**Jennifer S,**  
Central & Eastern Europe  
**Sheri Moran** and **B Williamson,**  
Central, Eastern & Southern Africa  
**Kristi P,**  
East Asia  
**Jackie B, JY, Margie P,**  
and **Martha W,**  
Last Frontier  
**Jim Wagoner,**  
Middle America & the Caribbean  
**Andrea B** and **Pam S,**  
Northern Africa & the Middle East  
**Philip Y,**  
Pacific Rim  
**Lacey J,**  
South Asia  
**Suzanne Schmitz,**  
West Africa  
**Steve** and **Tom Williams,**  
Western Europe

► **PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES**

**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**.



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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)



► 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](http://HoustonsFirst.org) and click on the WMO button.

► RECREATION MINISTRY

**Calling All Bowlers**

**Monday and/or Thursdays.** 6:30 PM. CLC Bowling Lanes.

Young or old, male or female, experienced or beginners, you are invited to join the fun with the HFBC Bowling League on Monday and/or Thursday evenings. If interested please call Clarence Houser, **281.980.5213** or Richard Linder, **832.755.5237**.

**Discovery Day Camp - Counselors Needed**

Looking for a summer job that is fun and makes a difference in someone's life? Come by the Recreation Ministry offices or contact Becky Kiser at **713.957.6702** for an application to work at Discovery Day Camp this summer! The following positions are available: Counselors (ages 18 and above) and Junior Counselors (high school students). Summer will be here before you know it...so apply now!

► SPIRITUAL MATURITY

**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](mailto:evangelism@hfbc.org).

**Everyday Evangelism bursts into glory!** Read one of many testimonies to see how the Holy Spirit can use your commitment in incredible ways. *“I remember going out on “on-the-job” training (with my trainer and team) for the first time; the teenage girl who was willing to listen despite the impatience of her friend. The decision she made left her with a beaming smile. I will always remember her excitement and joy. This memory will encourage me to keep sharing the good news, as we have all been called to do”.* Paula Tripputi



► 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  
Now through April 8

**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**

**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  
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 Wednesday Nights. For more information contact **Sheri Greer** at **713.957.7619** or **713.957.7614**.

**A New Kind of Normal**

**Sundays, February 10–March 2.** 5:00–6:15 PM, CLC Craft Room.

Carolyn O’Neal, Facilitator. Discover how to carry on when the unexpected changes your life forever. Books available in the Garden Bookstore.



**Wednesday Night**

**Joy of Living**

Study of Revelation  
Taught by Denise Munton  
6:30–8:30 PM, Room 263/264  
Now through April 23

**Hannah’s Hope**

with Alissa Franklin  
6:30–8:30 PM, Room 258  
Now through March 12

**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**

**Picture Perfect**

with Alissa Franklin & Darlene Wilkins  
7:00–11:00 PM, Room 143  
First Friday of the month  
Now through May

**Sunday Evening**

**Boundaries**

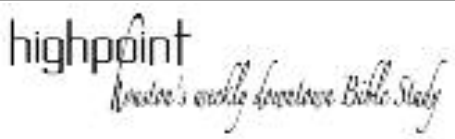
Facilitated by Sue Hurst  
5:00–6:15 PM, University Room A  
Now through March 9

For more information contact:

**Carolyn O’Neal** at  
[carolyn.oneal@hfbc.org](mailto:carolyn.oneal@hfbc.org)  
713.957.7640

or **Jessica Martinez** at  
[jessica.martinez@hfbc.org](mailto:jessica.martinez@hfbc.org)  
713.957.7642

► 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.

**February 6 : Jerrell Altic.**



► 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.

**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

<b>9 Saturday</b> Prayer time in the Sloan Library 5:00–6:00 PM	<b>8 Friday</b>	<b>7 Thursday</b> Celebrate Recovery, 6:00–9:00 PM, Fellowship Center Griefshare Support, 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 143.	<b>16 Saturday</b> Prayer time in the Sloan Library 5:00–6:00 PM
<b>6 Wednesday</b> MidLink Cafe, MidLink, Orchestra, Choir Rehearsals General Support Groups 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 318. Divorce Care 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 265.	<b>13 Wednesday</b> MidLink Cafe, MidLink, Orchestra, Choir Rehearsals General Support Groups 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 318. Divorce Care 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 265.	<b>5 Tuesday</b>	<b>12 Tuesday</b>
<b>4 Monday</b> Stephen Ministry Continuing Education & Supervisory Groups, 6:30 PM	<b>11 Monday</b>	<b>3 SUNDAY WORSHIP</b> Pastor Gregg Matte <b>The Assembly,</b> 9:10 AM <b>The Gathering,</b> 10:45 AM <b>Ascend,</b> 6:30 PM	<b>10 SUNDAY WORSHIP</b> Pastor Gregg Matte <b>The Assembly,</b> 9:10 AM <b>The Gathering,</b> 10:45 AM <b>Ascend,</b> 6:30 PM
<b>2 WEEKS AT A GLANCE – FEBRUARY</b>			