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MILESTONES: COVENANT MARRIAGE
Genesis 2:18-24

This Sunday, February 24, Pastor Gregg Matte 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



Revive Our Hearts
Conference
with Nancy Leigh DeMoss
February 29 & March 1
HFBC Worship Center
Registration & Information:
ReviveOurHearts.com



Spring Loaded!
Sunday, March 9
12:30-3:30 PM
Houston Christian High School



Sunday, February 24
12 Noon-3:00 PM, CLC

An event for Kindergarten
through 5th graders
and their families!



Giving Life Away
Expo '08
Missions • Evangelism
Prayer • Volunteering
Sunday, March 2
8:30 AM-1:30 PM; 4:00-8:30 PM
Welcome Center/Main Foyer



HARD HAT CREW

Go online to see how
you can use your skills
to impact HIS Kingdom!
WWW.HARDHATCREW.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 the Assembly is **Ryan Clark**, Worship Leader, Grand Prairie, TX.

Floral Tribute for Sunday, February 24
*The flowers today are given in memory of Don Vannerson by his daughter, Karen Vannerson-Pearson, and his son, Rodney and Lisa Vannerson and grand-children, Andrew Victor and Reese.*

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. 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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Sacred Influence – What A Man Needs from His Wife to Be the Husband She Wants
Wednesdays, March 5-April 9
7:00-8:15 PM, Room 331. Taught by Lisa Calvert. This practical 5-week study, based on the book Sacred Influence—What a Man Needs from His Wife to Be the Husband She Wants written by Gary Thomas, will focus on one role of a biblical woman, that of being a sacred influence for the kingdom of God. Books available in the Garden Bookstore.



Worship Guide
February 24, 2008 9:10 AM

The Assembly



Prelude
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Orchestra

Our Songs of Joyful Praise
That's Why We Praise Him
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Welcome & Prayer

Worship through Giving

Still
Choir/Orchestra

All Praise to Him
Amazing Grace
(My Chains are Gone)
Made Me Glad
How Great Thou Art

Message in Song
Your Grace Still Amazes Me

Message
Gregg Matte

Our Response
I Surrender All

Dismissed to Lives of Worship

Organ Postlude
Paula Blackmon

Gregg Matte, Pastor
Ryan Clark, 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 FEBRUARY 17, 2008

Salvation In Christ
Madison Elliott, C1CB
Taylor Knight, C2BA

For Baptism
Mary Christopher, S3EA
Josh Warren, MYBJ

Baptized
Faith Beisel, C3BA
Sarah Rome, S2EC
Heith Walston, C5BA
Holden Walston, Y7BA
Stacy Walston, AUBE
Amanda Wilson, ACBA

From Other Fellowships
Linda Ibarra, AUCK
Megan Jaudon, S2BB
Emily Mabry, S2EC
Betsy McDonald, AUBB
Dan McDonald, AUBB
Jessica Roberts, MYBA
David Tinkey, AUBG
Peggy Tinkey, AUBG
Kacey Warren, MYBJ

WEEKLY SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE, FEB. 17, 2008
Sunday Bible Study3,284
Mission Bible Study1,060
Weekday Bible Study4,319
Total8,663
Wednesday Night.....549
GIVING, WEEK ENDING FEB. 17, 2008
Tithes & Offerings.....\$320,111
Weekly Requirements\$271,158
Over/(Under).....\$48,953
Designated Gifts.....\$105,792
Over/(Under) for Feb.....\$191,169
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 17, 2008
Total Pledged.....\$24,258,159
Donations Received\$99,779
Total Received\$5,178,253

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: Age of Opportunity:
A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens



Wednesdays, Now through March 12, 6:30–8:00 PM. Room 251. Jason and Paige Swiggart, facilitators. For parents of preteens and teenagers. Are you hoping to merely survive your teenagers? Do you need to prepare for parenting teens in the near future? With compassion, wit and wisdom, Jason and Paige, parents of three boys, will guide you to uncover the heart issues affecting families during the often chaotic adolescent years. Jason and Paige will help you gain assurance of God's provision for parenting success and discover ways to seize the countless opportunities to deepen communication, learn, and grow with your teens. Books available in the Garden Bookstore.

► IMPACT MINISTRIES - SINGLES 40–60

IMPACT Sunday Lunch

Sundays. 12 noon. Everyone welcome.
February 24: Eastern Restaurant, 2199 W. 34th



Men’s Bible Study

Saturday, March 1. 9:30–11:30 AM. Live Oak Grill, 10444 Hempstead Hwy. Come for in-depth Bible Study with the men. If you choose to eat breakfast, come by 9:00 AM so that we can give full attention to the study.

IMPACT Book Club Fellowship

Saturday, March 8. 11:30 AM–1:30 PM. HFBC Connection Center. Gathering Christian singles with an active interest in reading to an open interactive forum for fellowship opportunities and lively discussions of selected works of classical and contemporary Christian literature.

Single Ladies Car Clinic

Saturday, March 8. 8:00 AM–2:00 PM. Auto Doc, 1208 Montrose Blvd. If you need more than just an oil change, make your reservations by calling Auto Doc at 713.522.2277. Appointments are required. Participants must purchase their own parts for repairs and if you don’t know what to bring, the mechanics will be there to help. You may also sign up to bring food for the day when you make your reservations. We are looking for mechanics to become a part of the team, especially people to work on brakes. For more information call the Adult Enrichment office at 713.957.7691 or email adult.enrichment@hfbc.org.

► MEN’S MINISTRY - BAND OF BROTHERS

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.

► MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS 2/24

Dee, Paul, Brian Davis, Boyd Hatchel, and **Scott Wood,** Central & Eastern Europe
Jeff G, Central, Eastern & Southern Africa
Frank Harrison, Middle America & the Caribbean

Angela W, Northern Africa & the Middle East
Pam A, and **Dotty D,** South Asia
Susan Matthes, Southern Africa
Lindsey, Western Europe

► MISSIONS MINISTRY

Spring 2008 Missionary Journeys

San Jose, Costa Rica (7 spots left)
(Rookie Trip)
March 15–22
Danny Uhyrek/Malcolm Marshall
duhyrek@mccoyinc.com
malcolm.marshall@hfbc.org

Havana, Cuba (6 spots left)
March 22–29
Frank Blackwood
frank.blackwood@hfbc.org
713.957.5862

Granada, Spain (8 spots left)
April 17–27
William Taylor/Rochelle Ferrada
rochelle.ferrada@hfbc.org
713.957.5861

For more information on Missionary Journeys go to HoustonsFirst.org and click on “Sign Up For Events” or call **713.957.5861**.

Missionary U Classes - Spring 2008

Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts
Wednesdays,
Now through February 27
6:30–7:30 PM, Room 252
Malcolm Marshall

Perspectives on the World Wide Christian Movement
Wednesdays, Now through 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

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 U Classes go to HoustonsFirst.org and click on “Sign Up For Events” or call **713.957.5861**.



Giving Life Away Expo ‘08

Sunday, March 2. 8:30 AM–1:30 PM; 4:00–8:30 PM. Welcome Center/Main Foyer. Join the Missions Staff and other volunteers as they provide all the information you need for:

Local & Overseas Mission Trips • Missions Training Center
Prayer Ministry • Aid Sudan 5K Fun Run • Houston Project and more!
For more information contact **713.957.5861** or email rochelle.ferrada@hfbc.org.

► MISSIONS TRAINING CENTER

Fundamentals of Wise Financial Living

Thursdays, Now through 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**.

► PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES

First Annual Grief Share
Kick–Off Dinner

Monday, March 31. 6:30 PM. Greenroom. \$7.00 per person/\$10.00 per couple. Speaker only: \$5.00 per person/\$8.00 per couple. Michael K. Haynes, Ph.D. will be the guest speaker. Dr. Haynes is an internationally known author with over 54 books to his credit. He and his wife, Marj, are the co-founders of The Faith Based Counselor Training Institute. Make your reservations today at HoustonsFirst.org by clicking on “Sign Up For Events”, at the Main Foyer kiosk or by calling the Pastoral Care office at **713.957.6761**. Deadline: Thursday, March 27.



► PRAYER MINISTRY

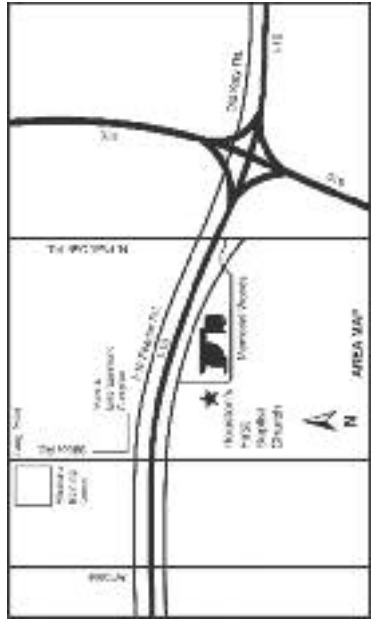
Calling all Intercessors

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!

► 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
- **HFBC Prayer Line** 713.335.6456
- **Consecrating the Worship Center** Prayer before services
- **Prayer During Worship Service**

Call **Becky Parker** at **713.957.5866** for more information.



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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 - CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER



Sunday, March 9. 8:00 AM–1:00 PM.
Give the gift of life.

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**.

Looking for a summer job that is fun and makes a difference in someone's life? Come by the Recreation Ministry offices for an application or contact Becky Kiser at **713.957.6702**. 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!



"We want to thank each of you for your emails, cards, calls, and visits to the Burnet hospital while my mother, Wanda Thompson, was there for 10 days and those of you who came for her funeral, including Pastor Rick Jones. We appreciate and love our church family."

► WORSHIP ETIQUETTE

- 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.

Pastor Gregg and other worshippers appreciate your cooperation!

Thursdays, April 3–April 24. 9:30–11:00 AM, Room 143. Nancy Monarch, Facilitator. Books available in the Garden Bookstore.

or **Jessica Martinez** at
jessica.martinez@hfbc.org
713.957.7642

highpoint
Routledge's weekly devotional Bible Study



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.

Garden Bookstore 9:00 AM–7:30 PM

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| 24 SUNDAY WORSHIP Pastor Gregg Matte The Assembly, 9:10 AM The Gathering, 10:45 AM Ascend, 6:30 PM | 25 Monday | 26 Tuesday | 27 Wednesday 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. | 28 Thursday Celebrate Recovery, 6:00-9:00 PM, Youth Area | 29 Friday | 1 Saturday Prayer time in the Sloan Library 5:00-6:00 PM |
| 2 SUNDAY WORSHIP Pastor Gregg Matte The Assembly, 9:10 AM The Gathering, 10:45 AM Ascend, 6:30 PM | 3 Monday Stephen Ministry Continuing Education & Supervisory Groups, 6:30 PM | 4 Tuesday | 5 Wednesday 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. | 6 Thursday Celebrate Recovery, 6:00-9:00 PM, Fellowship Center Griefshare Support, 7:00-8:30 PM, Room 143. | 7 Friday | 8 Saturday Prayer time in the Sloan Library 5:00-6:00 PM |

2 WEEKS AT A GLANCE – FEB./MAR.