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June 1, 2008

DISCOVERING
GOD'S WILL

PROMISED LAND

POWER OF CONSECRATION

EXODUS 13:1-16

This Sunday, June 1, Doug Bischoff, Minister to Students continues the series entitled Promised Land with "Power of Consecration."

Doug Bischoff

Get
Connected
in a Bible Study Class

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

METRO
LIVE

Friday, June 6. 7:00-8:30 PM

Free event for for young adults
20-40: college, single or married.
More details inside.

Make it Your Church
ORIENTATION

Sunday, June 8
For New & Prospective Members
12:00-1:30 PM or 5:00-6:30 PM
Green Room
RSVP 713.335.6450
jerrell.altic@hfbc.org
(Childcare available upon request)

FIRST
H.O.P.E.

Job Ministry
Helping Others Procure Employment

Saturday, June 7
9:00 AM-12 NOON
Room 602

Outrigger
ISLAND

VBS
June 9-13

Vacation Bible School is free for
all children entering Kindergarten
through completed 5th grade.
Register Today! See inside for
a tear-off registration form.

Houston Project 2008
July 6-10
Sign Up Today!

HOUSTON
PROJECT

See the inside of
this First Edition for
more details and
how to register.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YouthFest-Outdoor Family Event
*Music, Moonwalks, Food Vendors,
Fun & Fellowship!*
Houston Christian High School (2700 W.
Sam Houston Pkwy N. @ Kempwood)
will be hosting Youthfest 2008 on
Saturday, June 7, with an exciting Battle
of the Bands from 11:00 AM-5:00 PM
followed by a 6:00 PM concert with
Sonicflood. Bring your lawn chairs and
blankets. Go to ticketservant.com for
tickets: \$16 for adults.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

Assisted listening devices are available
for hearing impaired worshippers during
all three services. Visit the CLC to
borrow a device free of charge!

GARDEN BOOKSTORE

Last Chance CD Special
Paul Baloché's CD-A Greater Song is
\$10 until Monday, June 2 when it will be
\$13.97. Get your copy today and save!

THE HUB STUDENT MINISTRY

HFBC Youth Group Reunion
with Johnny Derouen
Saturday, July 26. 6:30 PM. Fellowship
Center. Spread the word to your friends
and family! We are looking for all youth
and youth workers from 1984-1995, the
graduating classes of '84-'00. Go to
BlastFromThePast08.com to register
your information.

SUMMIT MINISTRIES - SINGLES

Get
Connected...
in a Noon
Bible Study
following The Gathering
Beyond the Ink is a class for single and
married adults, ages 26+. Join Dr. Jamie
Johns as he takes us on a compelling
journey through the book of 1 John.
12:05-1:15 PM. Oasis Room.
Lighthouse is a class for single adults,
ages 21-25. Teacher: Steve Knox,
College Catalyst. 12:00-1:15 PM. Room
263/264.

Worship Guide

June 1, 2008 • 9:10 AM

The Assembly

Houston's
First
Baptist Church

Call to Worship
At Calvary
How Can I Keep From Singing

Welcome/Announcements
Stephen Smith

Prayer/Offering

Offering

Prayer
Stephen Smith

Still
Choir/Orchestra
John Bolin, leading

Message
Doug Bischoff

Our Response
Offering

Postlude
Lead On, O King Eternal
Orchestra

Doug Bischoff, Guest Speaker
Stephen Smith, Worship Pastor

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 MAY 25, 2008

Baptized
Cristi Howard, SPEA
Robert Kelley, S2BC

From Other Fellowships
Emily Hofstad, S2EC

By Statement
Phil Cordova, MYBK

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.

WEEKLY SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE, MAY 25, 2008

Sunday Bible Study0
Mission Bible Study927
Weekday Bible Study912
Total1,839

Wednesday MidLink.....459

GIVING, WEEK ENDING MAY 25, 2008

Tithes & Offerings.....\$242,085
Weekly Requirements\$271,158
Over/(Under)(\$29,073)
Designated Gifts.....\$363,112
Over/(Under) for May.\$116,561

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

be a part of the Story

WEEK ENDING MAY 25, 2008

Total Pledged.....\$24,260,303
Donations Received\$334,531
Total Received\$6,607,532

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 ENRICHMENT MINISTRIES - ADULTS 50+**

Thursday Bible Study

Every Thursday. 10:00–11:30 AM. Fellowship Center. Larry Lilley, Bible teacher and Minister of Spiritual Maturity, is leading us through an exciting study of the life of Daniel titled “*When Life is Like a Yo-Yo*”. Reservations are not required. For information, call **713.957.7691** or email adult.enrichment@hfbc.org.



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



Ongoing Opportunities for Men

Tuesday

Men’s Prayer Time

6:30–7:30 AM, HFBC Green Room

Senior Adult Men’s Prayer Time

9:00 AM, Room 258

Wednesday

Men’s Wednesday Morning Bible Study

with Fred Warren
6:00 AM, IHOP at I-10 & Washington

Crossriders

with Adam Hamza
7:00 PM, Harbor Room

Men at the Cross Conference–Save the Date!

Friday & Saturday, August 22–23. Toyota Center. Speakers include Joe White, Rick Rigsby, Larry Jackson, Max Lucado, and Crawford Loritts with Music and Worship leaders Steven Curtis Chapman, Chris Julian, Rick Cua and the Men at the Cross Worship Team. For more information, visit HoustonsFirst.org/Mens/mens_ministry.htm or call **713.957.7681**.

► **COUNSELING MINISTRY**

First H.O.P.E. Job Ministry

Saturday, June 7. 9:00 AM–12 NOON. Room 602.

“*Are you underemployed or wanting to make a career change?*”

If so, come join us for some insight on how to make it happen!

Clayton Personnel Services will be recruiting Administrative, Sales Assistants, Office Managers, Receptionist and Accountants. Check out the First HOPE job database online at http://www.houstonsfirst.org/job_ministry.htm



Inspirational Writers Alive!

First Baptist Chapter, IWA!/HFBC. Meets every second Thursday in Room 259 at 7:00 PM. Next meeting: **June 12**. Visitors welcome. For more information contact Wanda Shadle at **713.862.1115** or rwshadle@sbcglobal.net.

► **FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY**



Limited Fall Openings at FBA Primary School

Full and part time openings are available in FBA Primary School. We are accepting applications for children born between September 2006 and August 2007 for our toddler classes. We are also accepting applications in the PK3 and PK4 Tuesday/Thursday classes. Call Lisa Spanjer at **713.957-6720** for more information.

Encore–Extended Care Workers Needed for 08-09 School Year

Applicant must be at least 21 years of age with a HS diploma or its equivalency, must have had some experience with children, such as Sunday school teacher, VBS worker or director, or retired public/private school teacher. Hours are 2:45–6:00 PM M–F, or PT hours of 2:45–6:00 PM two or three days a week. If interested, please call Lorna Dezell or Harriett Galloway at **713.290.2527**.

► **THE HUB – STUDENT MINISTRY**



Milestone Course: Grad Prep Class

Sunday, June 15. 5:00 PM. Room 362. For Parents of Juniors in High School. Led by Doug Bischoff, Minister to Students. From college applications to scholarships, this course will prepare parents for the sometimes difficult transition to college.

SUMMER RUSH

Middle School @ Splashtown

Wednesday, June 11. Leave HFBC 9:00 AM–Return 4:00 PM. Meet on the 3rd floor. Led by Zac Hufty, Middle School Minister. Calling all Middle Schoolers–start your summer off with a splash at Splashtown water park!



High School Pool Party

Wednesday, June 11. 6:00–10:00 PM. Cost \$5. Led by Harlie Raethel, High School Associate. We will be having a pool party and some fine food. This should be an awesome opportunity to relax, hangout, connect, have some fun and eat some great food.

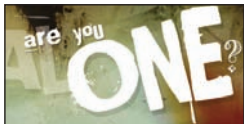
For more information please look to our website or call us on **713.957.7631**.

Two Camps, One Week–One Great Adventure!



Middle School Camp Houston: HERO

June 23–27. Camp Tejas, Giddings, TX. For all students who have completed 6th–8th Grades. \$275 until June 8, then \$325–Scholarship applications are available. Camp Pastor Pat Findley and worship with John Denmon. Bring your best superhero costume to camp! Lots of fun, recreation and night activities.



High School Camp Houston: Are you ONE?

June 23–27. Camp Tejas, Giddings, TX. For all students who have completed 9th–12th Grades. \$275 until June 8 then \$325–Scholarship applications are available. Camp Pastor John Durham and worship with Roger Cullins. Hoedown, skit night and teaching by Curtis Jones.

Register Today! Go to HoustonsFirst.org and click on “Sign up for Events”.

► **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:

Reagan and Lillian O'Reilly in the birth of their son, **Sean August**.

Mark and Shelly Lackey in the birth of their son, **Johnathan Kyle**. Brother: **Matthew**.

Richard and Jennifer Farmer in the birth of their son, **Zachary Richard**. Sister: **Emery**.

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

Inez Williams in the death of her husband, **Carl "Kelly" Williams**
Daughter: **Cyndi Strech** (FBA Staff)
Grandchildren: **Courtney Roberts and Cody Strech**.

Sherry Richardson in the death of her father-in-law, **Walter "Morris" Richardson**.

Carol Garrett in the death of her mother, **Earlynn Kovo**.

Norma Steubing in the death of their grandson's wife, **Naomi Steubing**.

Brad and Dana Dawkins in the death of his mother, **Sandy Dawkins**. Grandchildren: **Brianna and Katie**.

Gertrude Sessions in the death of her husband, **J. Travis Sessions** (Deacon at Woodhaven). Children: **Ron** and his wife, **Donna**, **Dennis** and his wife, **Cara**, and **Alan**.

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



► **VBS REGISTRATION**

You can register your child today for Vacation Bible School to be held **June 9–13**. VBS is FREE and for children entering kindergarten through the 5th grade. Fill out the form below and place it in today's offering plate or mail to: **HFBC Outrigger Island 7401 Katy Freeway Houston, Texas 77024**
You will receive a postcard from our office confirming your child's registration in VBS and your child's VBS Director and room number.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION CARD

Child 1: _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade Completed ____

Child 2: _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade Completed ____

Child 3: _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade Completed ____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Phone () _____

E-mail address _____

If your child is not enrolled in Sunday School at HFBC, which church are you involved in? _____

City _____

Mother's Name _____

Father's Name _____

Member of any church?
Yes _____ No _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Signature Required for Registration

► **IMPACT MINISTRIES - SINGLES 40+**

IMPACT Sunday Lunch

All Singles 40+ are invited for lunch on Sundays following The Gathering.

June 01: King Biscuit Patio Café–1606 White Oak Drive 77009–713.861.2328

June 08: IMPACT Pot Luck Luncheon–HFBC Room 259

June 15: Father’s Day–No Impact Lunch

June 22: Mission Burritos – 1609 Durham 77007 – 713-426-6634

June 29: Fuzzy’s Pizza – 823 Antoine 77024 – 713-682-8836

For questions or comments contact Impact Ministries at **713.957.7694** or impact.ministries@hfbc.org.

Singles at Starbucks

Tuesday, June 3. 5:45–7:30 PM. 12205 Northwest Freeway @ W. 43rd.

Come unwind with IMPACT Singles as we discuss the days events.

For reservations, call **713.957.7691** or impact.ministries@hfbc.org

Galveston Day Trip

Saturday, June 14. 10:00 AM. Carpool from CLC to Galveston. Cost: \$11.95.

We will visit the Titanic Artifact Exhibit at Moody Gardens. and walk along The Strand for a leisurely lunch.

Breakfast for Dinner

Tuesday, June 17. 6:00 PM. Denny’s-16822 Northwest Freeway

Enjoy a breakfast for dinner! RSVP: **713.957.7694** or impact.ministries@hfbc.org.

Movie Night @ HFBC

Saturday, June 28. 6:00 PM till?? Cost: \$9.00 per person. IMPACT will serve hot dogs, popcorn and even provide snacks for the chocoholic in everyone. For details, contact Jackie Ogg at **713.957.7694** or email Jackie.Ogg@hfbc.org.

IMPACT Wednesday Night Prayer

Every Wednesday. 6:00 PM. Room 259-F.

Help us pray for our church, pastor, Houston Project and each other! This year Impact Ministries is hosting the Glendale Park Apartment site. Questions?

Contact Jackie Ogg at **713.957.7694** or jackie.ogg@hfbc.org.

► **KINGDOM KIDS MINISTRIES**

Vacation Bible School

June 9–13. 9:00 AM–12:00 NOON. HFBC. Aloha—from

Outrigger Island! Enjoy cool crafts, snacks and music along

with missions and Bible study! VBS is a free event for children who have

completed 1st–5th grade. Register online at HoustonsFirst.org under “Sign up for Events”. For more information contact: Cindy Ann Pitts at **713.957.7620**

cindy.pitts@hfbc.org or Rae Edwards at **713.957.7622** rae.edwards@hfbc.org.

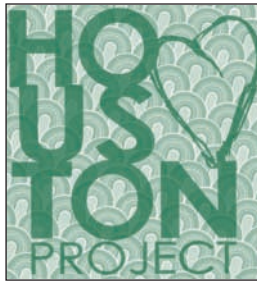
Kingdom Kids Camp (Children completed grades 3-5)

June 27–June 30. Camp Tejas, Giddings, TX. Cost per child: \$205. At camp children will have the opportunity to experience a 75 ft. Zip Line and Climbing

Wall, Meeting New Friends, Canoeing, Paddle Boating, Kayaking, Rock Climbing, Good Food, Swimming, Bible Study, Innovative Worship...and much more! Register online at HoustonsFirst.org under “Sign Up For Events”. Make sure to print out all the camp medical forms and releases!



► **MISSIONS MINISTRY**



Houston Project - Sign Up Today!

July 6, 7–10. Various mission sites across Houston.

Participate with us in a church–wide missions endeavor to love our city in multiple sites across Houston through Vacation Bible school, youth events, adult ministry, street evangelism, and food distribution. We need 1,000 HFBC volunteers to serve in various ways, including VBS teachers, youth leaders, transportation coordinators, kitchen helpers, prayer volunteers, and adult ministry

coordinators. **Sign Up Today!** The cost is \$30 per person or \$20 for single parents until June 8. On June 9, the cost goes up to \$40 per person or \$30 for single parents. To sign up, log on to HoustonsFirst.org and click on “Sign Up For Events”. For more information, contact Becky Parker at **713.957.5866** or email becky.parker@hfbc.org.

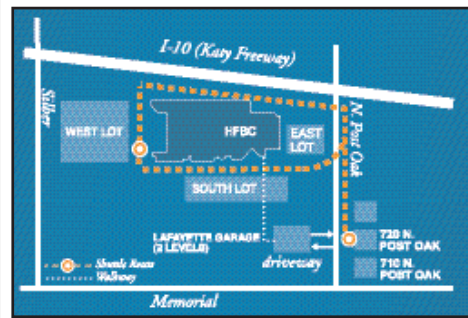
Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts Class

Wednesdays, May 28–June 25. 6:30 PM. Room 143. Cost: \$10.

Facilitator: Malcolm Marshall. Have you ever asked yourself questions like, “Where do I fit in?”, “Why am I here?”, or “What can I do to make a lasting difference in my life and in the lives of others?” If so, we want to invite you to be a part of this summer’s Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts Class. This self-discovery process will bring about radical life transformation with a comprehensive exploration of your unique gifts and talents. God created you with a purpose. It’s time to find out what that purpose is. ****Please note: You must complete the Spiritual Gifts Assessment before the class begins.**

For more information, contact Malcolm Marshall at **713.335.6453** or via email at malcolm.marshall@hfbc.org

Off–Site Parking: An Important Ministry!



When you park off–site, you free up a parking space and make room for somebody to be ministered to on Sunday morning — somebody who may otherwise drive away due to a lack of parking! Not sure where to go? Refer to the map of available parking options, shuttle routes, and drop–off/pick–up locations. **Parking off–site is an easy way to support the ministry of HFBC!**

► **PRESCHOOL MINISTRY**



Vacation Bible School

June 9–13. 9:00 AM–12:00 NOON. HFBC.

Aloha! Join us for a Hawaiian adventure as we surf through Scripture and discover that God has given us unshakeable truths that will help us live today. We'll enjoy cool crafts, music, and snacks along with missions and Bible study. VBS is FREE and open to children who have completed or will enter Kindergarten in 2008. Register online at HoustonsFirst.org or contact Karley Mangrum at **713.957.7611**.

** In preparing for VBS, the preschool ministry is asking for donations of netting, empty paper towel tubes and plastic water bottles in 16–20 ounce sizes. Please drop off items in the preschool suite.*

► **MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS 6/1**

JB, Asia

Jeff B and **Matt D**, Central Asia

Jeffrey and **Chris Coombs**, Central & Eastern Europe

Jenni Duncan, Central, Eastern & Southern Africa

DWH, GM, and **MLH**, Last Frontier

Susan Wright,

Middle America & the Caribbean

Bethany B and **Keith B**,

Northern Africa & the Middle East

NM and **Phil G**, Pacific Rim

Trent Jones, South America

Diane B, South Asia

Teresa Bolls and **Jeanne Mahoney**, West Africa

Barbara, Western Europe

► **MISSIONS MINISTRY**

Upcoming Mission Trip

Salvador, Brazil

July 31–August 10, 2008

Cost: \$2,500. Contact: Tonya Thompson. **713.501.6989**. Only 2 spots left. Sign up today! Go to HoustonsFirst.org and click on “Sign Up For Events”. Deadline: May 30.

► **PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES**

2008 Greece Tour

September 16–26

How would you like to tour Southern Greece, Patmos, and Rome? Think about going to many of the sites the Apostle Paul visited; where he shared the Gospel of Christ, instructed the new Christians and helped to establish churches. The tour also includes a three day cruise on the Aegean Sea as we visit the Greek Isles. Plan now to spend eleven captivating days in Greece and Rome. Only twelve spaces remain! For more information contact: Rick and Peggy Jones at **713.957.6760** or Jim and Wanda Jean Hickey at **281.496.1525**.

Stephen Minister Training

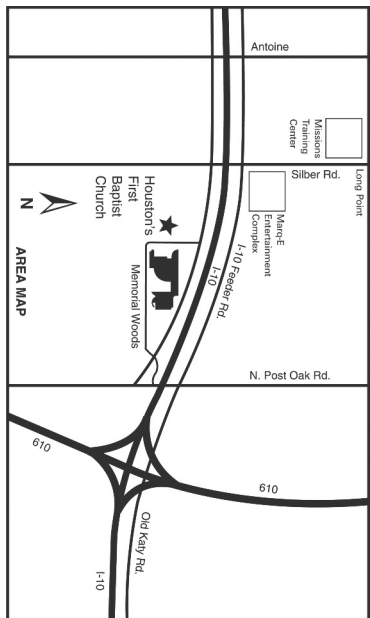
We are now accepting applications for Stephen Minister training. Class begins **Monday, September 15**. For more details or to request an application, contact Pastoral Care at **713.957.6761** or **713.957.6762**.

► **YOU’RE INVITED!**

Tear off this registration form and use it to invite family, friends and neighbors to Vacation Bible School.



Register Today!
Houston's First Baptist Church
VBS Outrigger Island
June 9–13
9:00 AM–12:00 NOON
www.HoustonsFirst.org



1 SUNDAY WORSHIP Guest Speaker: Doug Bischoff The Assembly, 9:10 AM The Gathering, 10:45 AM Ascend, 6:30 PM	2 Monday Stephen Ministry Continuing Education & Supervisory Groups, 6:30 PM	3 Tuesday	4 Wednesday Orchestra, Choir Rehearsals General Support Groups 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 318 Divorce Care 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 265	5 Thursday Celebrate Recovery, 6:00–9:00 PM, Fellowship Center GriefShare Support, 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 143	6 Friday	7 Saturday Prayer time in the Sloan Library 5:00–6:00 PM
8 SUNDAY WORSHIP Pastor Gregg Matte The Assembly, 9:10 AM The Gathering, 10:45 AM Ascend, 6:30 PM	9 Monday	10 Tuesday	11 Wednesday Orchestra, Choir Rehearsals General Support Groups 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 318 Divorce Care 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 265	12 Thursday Celebrate Recovery, 6:00–9:00 PM, Fellowship Center	13 Friday	14 Saturday Prayer time in the Sloan Library 5:00–6:00 PM

2 WEEKS AT A GLANCE – JUNE