

Counseling Center Celebrates 25th Anniversary

June marks the 25th anniversary of the Julianna Poor Memorial Counseling Center (JPMCC) at Houston’s First Baptist Church. The JPMCC provides Biblically-Based, Clinically–Competent and Spirit–Sensitive counseling. This is the first in a series of articles about the JPMCC’s approach to counseling as we celebrate this significant milestone!

What is Biblically-Based counseling?

First, each JPMCC staff member believes that the Bible is God’s inspired, inerrant, and infallible word of truth. Therefore, each member places a priority on spending time each day in God’s word out of their belief in what it is and their adoration of its Source. Second, the Bible is the final authority on all issues. It shapes their beliefs about the nature of man, sin, the purpose of life, the sanctity of life, and the covenant of marriage. Third, since the Bible is the source of truth, all counseling goals and interventions must be consistent with Biblical truth. Finally, counseling is seen as a fulfillment of God’s command through the apostle Paul in the book of Romans – to renew our mind with truth. Satan is a master at deceiving us with lies. The more that we base our lives on truth, the more adept we will become at “holding captive every thought, making it obedient to Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:5). In the JPMCC, you will find a group of people committed to God’s word, and to helping make God’s word become real to you.

For more information about the JPMCC, visit HoustonsFirst.org (Ministries: Other) or call **713.335.6461**.

ADULT ENRICHMENT MINISTRIES - ADULTS 50+

Astros vs. Milwaukee

Tuesday, June 10. Bus leaves HFBC at 5:30 PM. Cost: \$16.00. Make your reservations in the Adult Enrichment office, by phone at **713.957.7691** or email adult.enrichment@hfbc.org.

Thursday Bible Study

Every Thursday. 10:00–11:30 AM. Fellowship Center. Enjoy fellowship followed by an in-depth study of the Word. Currently, Larry Lilley is teaching on the book of Daniel. For more information, contact Adult Enrichment at **713.957.7691** or adult.enrichment@hfbc.org.

Jubilee Banjo Band Concert

Saturday, June 14. Bus leaves HFBC at 10:00 AM. Galveston, TX. Cost: \$15.00. We will have lunch on The Strand before the concert. Cost of lunch is not included. Payment and registration can be made by calling Adult Enrichment at **713.957.7691** or email adult.enrichment@hfbc.org. Space is limited, call today!

BAND OF BROTHERS - MEN’S MINISTRY

Men of Adventure: Living the Epic

Sundays, June 8–August 24. 5:00–6:15 PM. Room 335. Led by Roland Hurst Are you a man, 18 or over, looking for a summer bible study? Join with other men as you learn how God has created you for a life of adventure and has planted it in your Heart. We will begin by looking at Eldridge’s “Epic” and how it applies to our lives, then look at this wild adventure that God has created us to be a part of. To get the most from the study, we suggest that all men purchase the Wild at Heart Field Manual available in the Garden Bookstore. For more information call **713.957.7681** or email christen.barrios@hfbc.org.

BAND OF BROTHERS - MEN’S MINISTRY

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**.

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.

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. Cost: \$20. Plus, bring a sack lunch. 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.

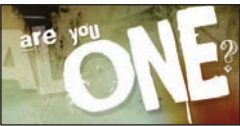
For more information please look to our website or call us at **713.957.7631**.

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:

T.J. and Lorie Jones in the birth of their son, **Levi Jacob**. Brother: **Toby**. Grandparents: **Rick** (Staff) and **Peggy Jones**.

Mike and Stacey Fransen in the birth of their daughter, **Sophie Kate**. Sister: **Audrey**.

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

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

Phil and Mary Pegg in the death of her mother, **Merrilee Roberts**.

Dolores McWhirter in the death of her husband, **David C. McWhirter**. Children: **James** and his wife, **Leslee McWhirter**, and **Sharon McWhirter de Gomez** and her husband, **Fernando Gomez**. Grandchildren: **Meredith** and **Braston McWhirter**.

Diana and Tom Tyrrell in the death of her father, **Jack Williams** Grandchildren: **Jackson** and **Vincent Tyrrell**.

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

✧ *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 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.

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 then take a walk along The Strand for a leisurely lunch.

Breakfast for Dinner

Tuesday, June 17. 6:00 PM. Denny's–16822 Northwest Freeway.

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

Movie Night @ HFBC

Saturday, June 28. 6:00 PM until ? 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 259F.

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.

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.



► **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!** 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.

► **MISSIONS TRAINING CENTER**

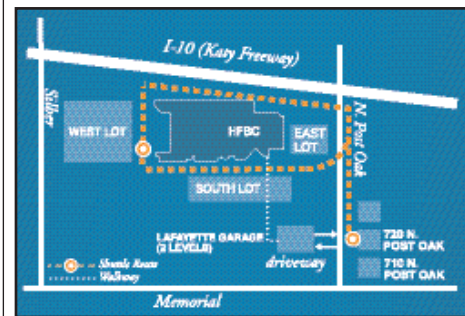
Thank You Volunteers for Award Winning Service

The Missions Training Center of Houston's First Baptist Church would like to thank their faithful volunteers who have served in such an excellent way this year. The MTC has been recognized for two great honors in our city:

- **The Bandini Award for Outstanding Food Pantry of the Year.** This award is a recognition of excellent service toward those in need. The MTC was chosen from over 400 agencies and 260 food pantries.
- **The Good Neighbor Award from the Spring Branch Independent School District.** This award is in appreciation for superlative support of SBISD for their tutoring program, and also for providing food, clothing, school supplies and other necessities.

Thanks to all who serve our city through the ministry at the MTC. If you would like to volunteer or be a part of the ministry there, call **713.681.3521**.

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 6/8**

CB and EP, Asia

Lois B, Central Asia

Tim Cearly,

Central, Eastern & Southern Africa

Tim,

Last Frontier

Donna Beard,

Middle America & the Caribbean

Jeanie W, Kristi K and Vance W,

Pacific Rim

Tim Mahoney,

West Africa

Carrie and Derek Webster,

Western Europe



► **MISSIONS MINISTRY**

2008 Fall and Winter

Mission Trips

Sign up today! Call the Missions Office at **713.957.5861**.

Manila–Quezon City, Philippines

Team Leader: Gary Cunningham

September 17–28, 2008

\$3000

Spain: Granada, Toledo, & Aranjuez

Team Leader: Rochelle Ferrada

October 2008 (11 days)

\$2500

Torino, Italy

Team Leaders: Huan Gamblin and

Stan Kwan

October 10–19, 2008

\$2200

Guatemala City, Guatemala

Team Leader: John Markle

November 22–29, 2008

\$1600

Chandigarh, India

Team Leader: Bob Caldwell

December 27, 2008–

January 10, 2009

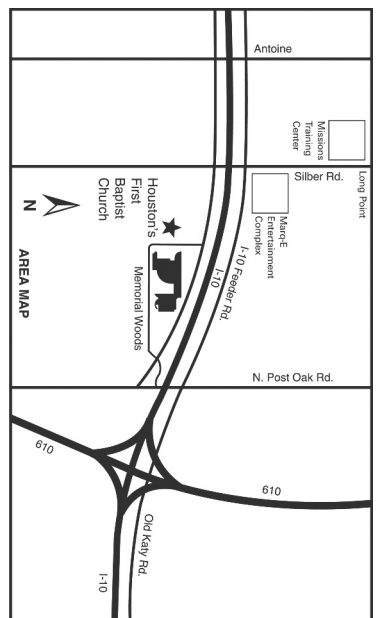
\$3000

► **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



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.

RECREATION MINISTRY - CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER

Game Plan: Discovery Day Camp

Sign up today! To register your child, please download the Day Camp registration pack online or pick one up in the Recreation Ministry offices. Registration packets and payment may be dropped off in the Recreation Ministry offices (2nd floor of the CLC/gym) For questions, please contact Becky Kiser at becky.kiser@hfbc.org or 713.957.6702.



GIFTS AND MEMORIALS TO THE SLOAN LIBRARY

The following items were given in memory of Mary Lucile Shipley Ormsby by her family:
The Last Men’s Book You’ll Ever Need by David Moore.
Anathema by Colleen Coble.
Saving Alice by David Lewis.
The Moon In the Mango Tree by Pamela Binnings Ewen.
“Return to Red River” series by Lauraine Snelling - Bk. 1, **A Dream To Follow**; Bk. 2, **Believing the Dream**; Bk. 3, **More Than a Dream**.

Children’s Books:
Who Was Ben Franklin? by Dennis Brindell Fradin.
Who Was Amelia Earhart? by Kate Boehm Jerome.
Who Was Daniel Boone? by Sydelle Kramer.
Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown.
Where’s God? by Dr. Laura Schlessinger.
Walt Whitman: Words for America by Barbara Kerley.

Peter Rabbit based on the original and authorized edition by Beatrix Potter.
If You Give a Pig a Party by Laura Numeroff.
The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein.
A Good Day by Kevin Henkes.
Ten Red Apples by Pat Hutchins.
If You Decide To Go To the Moon by Faith McNulty.
The Pigeon Wants a Puppy! by Mo Willems.

Children’s DVDs:
“Gigi: Bursting with Readiness”
“The John Bunyan Story”
“Friends and Heroes: Leviathan”
“Friends and Heroes: False Heroes”
“Friends and Heroes: True Heroes”
“Friends and Heroes: Sweet Freedom”

Other titles include:
The Long Way Home by Lauraine Snelling.

SLOAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

“Be a Gold Medal Reader” Summer Reading Program
Now through July 13. The Summer Olympics Reading Club is open to all children from age 3 through eighth grade. Children are encouraged to read books checked out from the library. An awards party for all participants will be held on July 15. Register today in the library, at HoustonsFirst.org or pick up a registration packet at the library counter in the CLC on Sundays.

SUMMIT MINISTRIES - YOUNG SINGLES

Metro LiVE!
Fridays, July 11, and August 1. 7:00–8:30 PM. HFBC.
For young adults 20–40: college, single or married.
This free event features worship by the Tyler Dodds Band with speakers Steve Knox and Jerrell Altic. Free childcare provided through kindergarten. Questions? Contact Dana Moya at 713.957.7671 or email dana.moya@hfbc.org.



WOMEN’S MINISTRY

Let’s Play!
Thursdays, June 19–July 31, 9:30–11:30 AM. CLC Promise Land.
Preschoolers, toddlers, babies, and their moms are invited to an open playtime at the Promise Land (indoor play area)! The play area is located in the HFBC Christian Life Center and is an ideal playground during the hot summer months. “Let’s Play” will be hosted by Kim Williams with refreshments provided by the Women’s Ministry. Please join us for fun times and mom fellowship!

For more information contact Jessica Martinez, Women’s Ministry Assistant at jessica.martinez@hfbc.org or 713.957.7642. Pre-registration is not necessary.

ROCKET CITY BUZZ

Lynda Spinks has retired from Houston Independent School District after a teaching career of 40 years. She has been at Stevens Elementary School in the Oak Forest area for the past 36 years. Her plans include having a more relaxed schedule, volunteering at church, traveling, working on her genealogy, and spending time with her family and friends ...*Rocket City Buzz* deadline, *Wednesday for the following week’s First Edition. Send submissions to graphic.services@hfbc.org or call 713.335.6420.*

WORSHIP ETIQUETTE

Worship requires our full attention—whether we’re in the Worship Center or a temporary home such as the CLC, Fellowship Center or Chapel.
To provide a worshipful environment for everyone during this time of transition, we ask that you:

- not bring food or beverages into any of the venues,
- turn off cell phones and pagers,
- go to the restroom or get a drink of water before the service begins (including your children), and
- remain seated once our time of Bible study begins.

If you must leave during the service, you may either

- reenter through the rear doors of the venue and find a new seat in the back, or
- watch the service on a TV monitor in the Main Foyer or the CLC Game Room.

At the end of the worship service, an invitation will be extended to people to accept Christ or join the church. Please remain in your venue during this time and pray for God to move in the hearts of those around you. **Pastor Gregg and other worshippers will appreciate your display of worship etiquette!**

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.
June 11: Dr. David Self, “How to Respond to Opposition”, Acts 4:1–22.



MIDLINK
MidLink Cafe

Please Note: MidLink Café is on break until Fall MidLink programming begins in August.

We will be offering a light meal on the First and Third Wednesday’s of the summer months. This meal will be available from 4:30–5:30 PM. The schedule is as follows:
Wednesday, June 18
Wednesdays, July 2 and 16
Wednesday, August 6

WNBS
WEDNESDAY NIGHT
BIBLE STUDY

A mid–week service for the entire HFBC family. Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Center.
Will resume with MidLink in August.

Orchestra Rehearsal (by audition)
7:00–8:30 PM, Worship Center

Choir Rehearsal 7:00–8:45 PM

Explore: Bible study and recreation, 1st–5th grade, 7:00–8:30 PM, CLC

Sloan Library/Resource Center
Open until 6:50 PM

Garden Bookstore 9:00 AM–7:30 PM



14 Saturday Prayer time in the Sloan Library 5:00–6:00 PM	21 Saturday Prayer time in the Sloan Library 5:00–6:00 PM
13 Friday	20 Friday
12 Thursday Celebrate Recovery, 6:00–9:00 PM, Fellowship Center	19 Thursday Celebrate Recovery, 6:00–9:00 PM, Fellowship Center GriefShare Support, 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 143
11 Wednesday Orchestra, Choir Rehearsals General Support Groups 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 318 Divorce Care 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 265	18 Wednesday Orchestra, Choir Rehearsals General Support Groups 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 318 Divorce Care 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 265
10 Tuesday	17 Tuesday
9 Monday	16 Monday Stephen Ministry Supervisory Groups, 6:30 PM
8 SUNDAY WORSHIP Pastor Gregg Matte The Assembly, 9:10 AM The Gathering, 10:45 AM Ascend, 6:30 PM	15 SUNDAY WORSHIP Pastor Gregg Matte The Assembly, 9:10 AM The Gathering, 10:45 AM Ascend, 6:30 PM
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