

FIRST EDITION

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June 29, 2008



GOD PROVIDES

GOD PROVIDES - HELP WHEN NEEDED MOST

Exodus 17:8-16 & Exodus 18

This Sunday, June 29, Pastor Gregg continues the series entitled Promised Land with "God Provides."

Pastor Gregg Matte



Get Connected
in a Bible Study Class

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

HOUSTON PROJECT
Houston Project 2008
July 6-10
Sign Up Today!

Celebrating 25 Years!

JULIANNA POOR MEMORIAL COUNSELING CENTER
HOUSTON'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

June marks the 25th Anniversary of the Julianna Poor Memorial Counseling Center. Read inside to learn more.

July 4th Weekend Schedule

METRO LIVE

Friday, July 11. 7:00-8:30 PM

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

Sunday, July 6 Regular Sunday Schedule

The HFBC family wishes you a safe and happy Independence Day weekend, and reminds you that true freedom only comes through a relationship with Jesus Christ!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CD Signing with Christian Rap Artist Excelsius

The Garden Bookstore is proud to announce *Liberation*, the newest CD by HFBC's own Malcolm Marshall (aka Excelsius). Don't miss this opportunity to meet the artist and pick up his latest work! The CD is available for \$12.99 in the Garden Bookstore at the signing after all three services. We invite you to stop by and congratulate Malcolm and have your CD autographed!



FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY Positions Available

First Baptist Academy is looking for afterschool Encore Workers for the 2008-2009 school year. For more information please call 713.290.2527.

MISSIONS MINISTRY Russia Orphanage Mission Trip Informational Meeting

Sunday, June 29. Two times to choose from: 12:15-1:15 PM, Connection Center or 5:15-6:15 PM, Green Room. Place: Nizhniy, Russia. Trip Date: November 6-15. Contact: Sue Marshall at sueron24@hal-pc.org or 713.681.5372.

MUSIC MINISTRY

New Summer Choir!



Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 PM. Choir Room. You are invited to experience a *new* and *dynamic* choir ministry centered around

authentic worship, dedicated to musical excellence, and committed to effectively communicating Jesus Christ. If you enjoy worshipping the Lord with songs of praise, then the Summer Choir is for you! Please contact John Bolin at 713.957.5887 for more details

SPIRITUAL MATURITY

Lord's Supper Observance

The Lord's Supper will be observed on **Sunday, July 6** in all three services.

Worship Guide

June 29, 2008 • 9:10 AM

The Assembly



America, the Beautiful
Orchestra

Call to Worship
Total Praise

Jesus Saves

Welcome

God Bless America
America, the Beautiful
Battle Hymn of the Republic

Announcements

Prayer/Offering

Here I Am To Worship

Pastor Gregg Matte

Painting Pictures of Egypt
Emily Skaggs

Message
Pastor Gregg Matte

Our Response
I Surrender All

Postlude

Gregg Matte, Pastor
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 JUNE 22, 2008

Salvation In Christ
Kevin Ramirez, ACEA
Robert Woods, MYBA

For Baptism
Justin Greer, C1BA
Reese Hopkins, S2BB
Doug Unverzagt, AUBK

From Other Fellowships
Julie Awalt, S2BB
Chris Fritsche, S2DB
Rachel Hankins, MYBA
Jessica Hendrix, S2BB
Rachel Merchant, AUCD
Tina Thomas, S2BB

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, JUNE 22, 2008

Sunday Bible Study3,025
Mission Bible Study923
Weekday Bible Study551
Total4,499
Wednesday Night514

GIVING, WEEK ENDING JUNE 22, 2008

Tithes & Offerings\$188,441
Weekly Requirements\$271,158
Over/(Under)(\$82,717)
Designated Gifts\$98,555
Over/(Under) for June(\$49,619)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



WEEK ENDING JUNE 22, 2008

Total Pledged\$24,270,303
Donations Received\$72,837
Total Received\$6,912,975

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: _____)

Counseling Center Celebrates 25th Anniversary

June marks the 25th anniversary of the Julianna Poor Memorial Counseling Center (JPMCC) at Houston’s First Baptist Church. In this final installment in a month-long series of articles about the JPMCC, a client shares her experiences with the center’s Biblically-Based, Clinically-Competent and Spirit-Sensitive counseling.

“My world was turned upside down in 2006. Using Beth Moore's words, I was “thrown into the pit.” It was unexpected, it was deep, and it was very dark. I can honestly say I had no idea how to respond to the situation I found myself in. A trail of amazing people ended with a suggestion to meet with Enie Bourland at the counseling center at HFBC. I immediately begin building an argument why this wasn't going to work—it's too far to drive, I can't miss work for this, it isn't even my problem that got me here. A small voice inside me said, “Julie, it's up to you to try to be part of the solution. Call and make an appointment with Enie.” Almost 2 years later, I can honestly say my counseling with Enie, including individual and group counseling, has changed my life in ways I never anticipated. I have felt genuine support and concern, and I have been gently guided to seek answers and comfort from Christ. I have been encouraged to discover all that has been hidden within me. The counseling I have received has given me a safe, structured, Christ-centered lifeline out of the darkness that had become my life. I will forever be grateful. I still don't know what my future holds, but as a healthier, more faith-filled person, I am waiting with hope to see what God will reveal.” – Julie Y.

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

▶ **ADULT ENRICHMENT MINISTRIES - ADULTS 50+**

Game Day

Every Tuesday. 12:00 NOON–4:00 PM. Room 143. Bring snacks and games. Beat the heat, enjoy good company and play mind-stimulating games!



Thursday Bible Study

Every Thursday. 10:00–11:30 AM. Fellowship Center. Enjoy fellowship followed by an in-depth study of the Word.

“Country Roads” Summer Musical

Thursday, July 3. 11:30 AM. Galveston. Cost \$20 (lunch not included). Go on a musical journey through the back roads of America as John Denver’s character focuses on what is right with America today! Lunch will be at Casey’s.

Astros vs. Pittsburgh

Tuesday, July 22. 5:30 PM. South Parking Lot. Cost: \$16. Don’t miss a great game as our hometown heroes play the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Register for Adult Enrichment events by phone at 713.957.7691, via email adult.enrichment@hfbc.org or stop by the AEM office in Room 260.

▶ **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!

▶ **ADULT ENRICHMENT MINISTRIES - ADULTS 50+**

Branson, Missouri Adventure

October 20–24. Cost: \$679 for Doubles. Shoji, Andy Williams, the Twelve Irish Tenors and Noah. Oh My! Price includes accommodations, shows, all breakfasts and two lunches, transportation, plus a few surprises. Register by September 2. For information contact 713.957.7691.

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

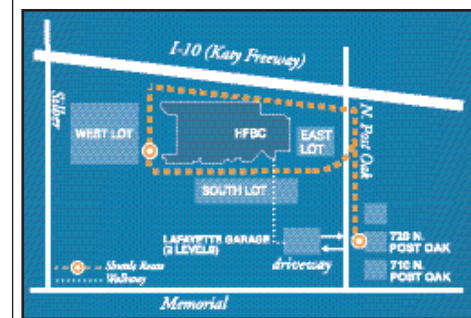
Climb! Men’s Summer Event

Climb! Saturday, July 19. 9:00 AM–12 NOON. Texas Rock Gym. Bring a friend, come with your Bible Study class, or come alone and join the Band of Brothers for a day of rock climbing followed by lunch at Goode Company Barbeque! For pricing and registration information, visit HoustonsFirst.org and click on “Sign Up for Events”. Got questions? Call 713.957.7681 or email christen.barrios@hfbc.org.

Save the Date: Men at the Cross Conference

August 22–23. Toyota Center. Speakers include Joe White, Rick Rigsby, Larry Jackson, Max Lucado, and Crawford Loritts. Music and Worship leaders include Steven Curtis Chapman, Chris Julian, Rick Cua and the Men at the Cross Worship Team. For registration information please visit the Men’s Ministry page at HoustonsFirst.org or call Christen Barrios at 713.957.7681.

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!**

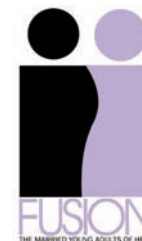
▶ **COUNSELING MINISTRY**

First H.O.P.E. Job Ministry will not meet during the month of July. Our next scheduled meeting will be **Saturday, August 2** when we’ll discuss resume writing, interviewing and networking. JDA Professional Services, Inc. will be in attendance recruiting candidates for the following positions: Recruiters, Sales and Information Technology.

▶ **FUSION MINISTRIES - MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS**

Newlywed Retreat: Mad About You

July 25–27. Round Top Retreat, Texas. Cost: \$195 per couple. Join other newlywed or engaged couples for a weekend in the country to relax, refresh, reflect and reconnect with each other. Leaders for the weekend will be Alex and Christy Kennedy. To register, visit HoustonsFirst.org and go to “Sign Up for Events.” Deadline to register is July 13. If you need assistance, please call 713.957.7681 or email christen.barrios@hfbc.org.



▶ **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:

Ray and Candace Vasquez in the birth of their daughter, **Anessa Vasquez**. Brothers: **R.J., Andrew, and Julian**. Grandparents: **Raymond and Eva Duran**.

Ben (Staff) and Kathy Pritchett in the birth of their grandson, **Jacob Matthew Pritchett**.

Dave and Audra Marye, in the birth of their son, **Griffin Lockett**. Sibling: **Tatum**.

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

Paul St. John in the death of his mother, **Mary Francis St. John**.

Ron and Yvonne Moran in the death of his mother, **Mary Elizabeth Moran**.

Earleen Kleihege in the death of her father, **Earl A. Lavack**.

Johnnie King in the death of her mother, **Frances Mills**.

Grandchildren: **Jennifer** and her husband, **Cliff Stockstill (Deacon)**, **Geoff** and his wife, **Catherine King**, and **Jonathan** and his wife, **Alison King**. Great-grandchildren: **Caleb and Cade Stockstill, Copper and Carter King, and Clare and Wyatt King**.

Family and Friends of **Warren Lee Thomas**.

Clymer and Katherine Wright, in the death of her mother, **Alice Sheftall**.

Family and Friends of **Faye Menton**.

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

▶ **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)

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Bible Study:
8:00 AM Adults
9:10 & 10:30 AM, 12:00 & 5:15 PM All Ages
Sunday Schedule:
9:10 AM The Assembly (Choir & Orchestra)
10:45 AM The Gathering (Gathering Band)
6:30 PM Ascend (Ascend Band)

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▶ **IMPACT MINISTRIES - SINGLES 40+**

IMPACT Sunday Lunch

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



June 29: Fuzzy's Pizza – 823 Antoine 77024, 713.682.8836

July 06: Prince's Hamburgers – 9535 Katy Freeway 77024, 713.722.8822

July 13: IMPACT Pot Luck Luncheon – HFBC, Room 259

July 20: Pei Wei Asian Diner – 1413 S. Voss Road 77057, 713.785.1620

July 27: Pappas Burgers – 5815 Westheimer, 77057, 713.975.6082

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

Singles at Starbucks

Tuesday, July 1. 5:45–7:30 PM. Starbucks-12205 Northwest Freeway @ W. 43rd. Come and unwind with impact singles over a nice hot or iced cup of coffee as we discuss the days events. For reservations, call **713.957.7691** 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 via email jackie.ogg@hfbc.org.

Single Ladies Car Clinic

Saturday, July 12. 8:00 AM. Auto Doc, 1208 Montrose.

Ladies bring your car in for an oil change or minor repairs. Our excellent mechanics will diagnose the problems and handle the repairs. You will need to bring your own oil and parts but the labor is free. Registration is required. For more information or to register, contact Impact Ministries at **713.957.7691** or via email impact.ministries@hfbc.org.

Mechanics Needed

The impact ministries single ladies car clinic is in need of a few good men (or ladies) experienced in auto mechanics. We hold six car clinics each year for the Single Ladies of our church. The Mini Car Clinics are held on the south parking lot of the church and provides minor repairs, oil changes, fluid and brake checks. Our Regular Car Clinic is held at Auto Doc on Montrose where more serious repairs can be done. If you would like to be involved in this vital ministry to our single ladies of all ages, call Lynn Cain at **713.686.8169** or you can call the Adult Enrichment office at **713.957.7691** or adult.enrichment@hfbc.org.

Becoming...More Like Christ! Labor Day Retreat

August 29–September 1. Forest Glen Christian Camp, just outside Huntsville. Cost \$120.00 including meals.

Come along for a great single's weekend with good food, fellowship and Bible Study. HFBC's own Adam Mason will be our Bible Study leader as we learn about *Becoming*. Enjoy free time with canoeing, archery, swimming and lots of other fun activities. Registration deadline is June 25 with a \$25.00 (non-refundable) deposit. Final payment is due August 15. Registrants after June 25 will cost \$140.00. For more information, to register or to make payments call **713.957.7694** or impact.ministries@hfbc.org.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING - SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Kid's Worship

Sunday Mornings. 9:10 AM. Chapel.

Come join the HFBC Children's Programming Staff for an exciting and action packed hour of worshipping Jesus! Children attending Kid's Worship will be taken to their 10:30 AM Sunday School Class.

Pep Rallies

Wednesdays, June 18–August 13. 9:00–10:30 AM. Christian Life Center.

Hey Kids, who have completed Kindergarten through 5th Grade, join us for a morning filled with fun and learning about the Lord! This action packed time will contain crazy games, deep lessons, and FUN! This is a FREE event and parents can sign-in their children at the door.

Field Trips

Thursdays, June 19–August 12. Meet at CLC by 9:00 AM/Pick up at 3:00 PM. Cost: \$30 for each field trip. Bring a sack lunch.

Kids who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join Mr. Chad and his staff as they partner with the Discovery Day Camp staff to visit different sites around town! Register online at HoustonsFirst.org under "Sign Up for Events" or call the Children's Programming office by 3:00 PM on the Wednesday prior to the field trip. Here are the dates and trips:

July 3, Aerodome

July 10, AD Players, "Samson"

July 17, Old MacDonald's Farm

July 24, Mountasia

July 31, Children's Museum

August 7, Quillian Pool

August 14, Astros Game

Check us out on the website at HoustonsFirst.org under Children's Ministry. For more information contact the Children's Programming office via email cassi.odom@hfbc.org or call Chad Overton at **713.957.7626**.

▶ **MISSIONS MINISTRY**



Houston Project

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 \$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.

Help Feed the Mission Interns

The Residential Discipleship and Ministry Training Interns need you! If you would like to provide meals (to feed approx.10-12 ppl.) for our mission interns serving this summer, contact Jerrell Altic at jerrell.altic@hfbc.org or **713.335.6450**.

▶ **MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS 6/29**

SW, Asia

Jon Sapp,

Central, Eastern & Southern Africa

Jason, East Asia

Lisa G, Last Frontier

Rebecca S,

Northern Africa & the Middle East

Gloria G, Shirley M and Victor V,

Pacific Rim

Boots Holder and Sandy Poppell,

South America

Raffia H, South Asia

Paul Davidson, Jerry Robertson

and **Randy Saleeby,**

West Africa

Marc Verlander, Western Europe

▶ **MISSIONS MINISTRY**

2008 Fall and Winter

Mission Trips

Manila–Quezon City, Philippines

Team Leaders: Gary Cunningham

and Scott Nute

September 17–28, 2008

\$3000

Torino, Italy

Team Leaders: Huan Gamblin

and Stan Kwan

October 10–19, 2008

\$2200

Spain: Granada, Toledo, & Aranjuez

Team Leader: Rochelle Ferrada

October 15–27, 2008

\$2800

Nizhniy Novgorod, Russia

November 6–15, 2008

Team Leader: Sue Marshall

Cost: \$3500

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

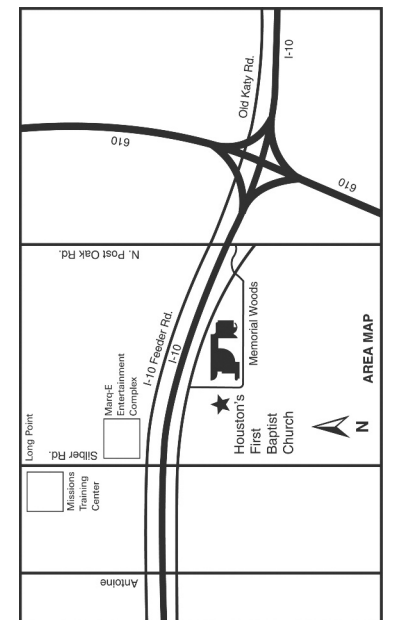
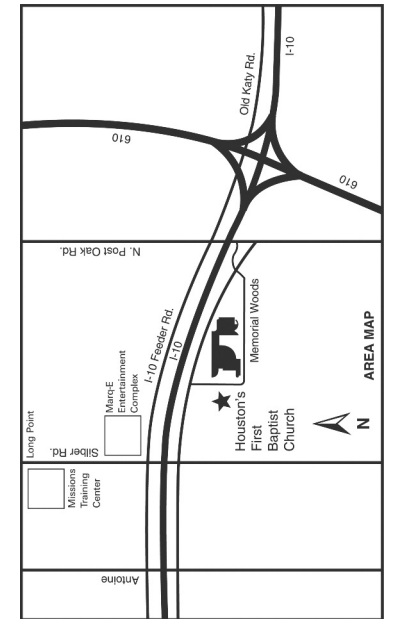
Sign up today! Call the Missions

Office at **713.957.5861** or email

rochelle.ferrada@hfbc.org.

Fundraising manuals are available

upon request.



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▶ **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**.

▶ **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.



▶ **GIFTS AND MEMORIALS TO THE SLOAN LIBRARY**

The following items were given in memory of Mary Lucile Shipley Ormsby by her family:

Children’s Books
Who Was Johnny Appleseed?

by Joan Holub.

Who Was King Tut? by Roberta Edwards.

Who Was Sacagawea? by Judith Bloom Fradin and Dennis Brindell Fradin.

Who Was Annie Oakley? by Stephanie Spinner.

The Report Card by Andrew Clements.

The Case of the Most Ancient Bone (“Hank the Cowdog” series)

by John R. Erickson

Extreme Danger (“The Hardy Boys Undercover Brothers” #1) by Franklin W. Dixon

Books from the “Henry and Mudge” series by Cynthia Rylant: **Henry and Mudge in Puddle Trouble; Henry and Mudge and the Tumbling Trip; Henry and Mudge and the Great Grandpas; Henry and Mudge and the big Sleepover;** and **Henry and Mudge and the Careful Cousin.**

Willow Run by Patricia Reilly Giff.

Everything On a Waffle by Polly Horvath.

Carrot Soup by John Segal.

“Elephant & Piggie” books by Mo Willems: **There Is a Bird On Your Head!; I Am Invited To a Party!;** and **Today I Will Fly!**

Blast From The Past Reunion with Johnny Derouen

Saturday, July 26. 5:30–9:00 PM. Fellowship Center. Youth classes from '84-'00, youth workers and staff during Johnny Derouen’s years are invited to reunite for a fun-filled evening of socializing, dinner, classic skits, Johnny Speaks, and a big slide show. Get your tickets today online at **blastfromthepast08.com**. For more information email **info@blastfromthepast08.com**.



▶ **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, Now through July 31. 9:30–11:30 AM.

CLC Promise Land. Preschoolers, toddlers, babies, and their moms are invited to an open playtime and fellowship at the Promise Land (indoor play area) hosted by Kim Williams with refreshments provided by the Women’s Ministry! The play area is located in the HFBC Christian Life Center and is an ideal playground during the hot summer months. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information contact Jessica Martinez at **jessica.martinez@hfbc.org** or **713.957.7642**.



Can We Talk?

Tuesdays, Now through July 29. 10:00–11:30 AM. Room 249.

Facilitator, Marianne Gardner. Why do we go to such lengths to talk to people but neglect God? Priscilla Shirer shows you how your time in God’s Word can be a two-way conversation with the Father. For more information contact Jessica Martinez at **jessica.martinez@hfbc.org** or **713.957.7642**.

The Power of a Word - Women’s Retreat

October 10–11. Omni Houston Hotel Westside.



Words have a tremendous affect on us—they can wound and they can heal. Whether the words are spoken, thought or written, they have the power to change our lives as we hold those words in our hearts. Join us as we explore the impact of words in our lives, and most importantly, the power of God’s word to change us forever. Vicky Wright, Speaker. Star Smith, Worship Leader. Register today at **HoustonsFirst.org** under “Sign Up For Events”.

▶ **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.



July 2: Dr. David Self, “God’s Approval vs. Peer Approval” Acts 5:23-42.

▶ **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:

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



5 Saturday Prayer time in the Sloan Library 5:00–6:00 PM	12 Saturday Prayer time in the Sloan Library 5:00–6:00 PM
4 Friday Holiday Church Offices Closed	11 Friday
3 Thursday Celebrate Recovery, 6:00–9:00 PM, Fellowship Center GriefShare Support, 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 143	10 Thursday Celebrate Recovery, 6:00–9:00 PM, Third Floor, Youth Area
2 Wednesday Orchestra, Choir Rehearsals 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 318 Divorce Care 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 265	9 Wednesday Orchestra, Choir Rehearsals 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 318 Divorce Care 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 265
1 Tuesday	8 Tuesday
30 Monday	7 Monday Stephen Ministry Continuing Education & Supervisory Groups, 6:30 PM
29 SUNDAY WORSHIP Pastor Gregg Matte The Assembly, 9:10 AM The Gathering, 10:45 AM Ascend, 6:30 PM	6 SUNDAY WORSHIP Pastor Gregg Matte The Assembly, 9:10 AM The Gathering, 10:45 AM Ascend, 6:30 PM