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July 20, 2008

GOD PROVIDES

GOD PROVIDES: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:12-17

This Sunday, July 20, 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

CAFÉ ASCEND

by CLC Connection Center after Ascend

Coffee • Tea • Fellowship

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S Thing

A ONE NIGHT FUN-FOR-ALL EVENT WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

SPLASH NIGHT - NEW GROOVE - DINNER & A MOVIE
BUNGO, BABES & BURGERS - GUYS' NIGHT OUT
Enjoy grilled burgers & hot dogs from 5:30-6:30pm in the Oasis Center and Fellowship Center, then connect with others in various ministry events from 6:30-8:30pm.

FALL & WINTER MISSION TRIPS

Join one of HFBC's many Fall and Winter mission trips! Destinations include Guatemala, Spain, Italy, Russia, India and the Philippines.

See inside for more details, stop by the HFBC Missions & Connection Center or read about the trips online at [HoustonsFirst.org](#) (Ministries: Other).

Band of Brothers - Men's Ministry

SAVE THE DATE:
MEN AT THE CROSS
CONFERENCE

August 22-23

The Toyota Center
Houston, Texas

MenAtTheCross.org

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Ministry Opportunities

10:45 Worship Choir

Come join us in the 10:45 worship choir! Audition dates are **August 2, 4 and 5** for us to get to know you and hear you sing a little. People who have committed their hearts to praising God and leading others in worship will find this setting a great opportunity to serve God!

Worship Bands

If you are interested in getting involved with a worship band, we want to hear you play. Come audition for us and hear about possible opportunities to serve God through worship within our church. Audition dates are **August 2, 4 and 5**.

For information, visit [HoustonsFirst.org](#) (Ministries: Other) or call **713.957.5881**.

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

SUMMIT MINISTRIES - SINGLES

Spotts Park Summer Sundays

Sundays, Now through August 31.

2:00-5:00 PM. 401 South Heights Blvd. (NE Corner of Memorial Dr. & Waugh)

Come and go, play or watch! Basketball, volleyball, ultimate frisbee, bocce ball or bring a group game. No need to sign up - just show up!

Sand Volleyball Tournament

Saturday, August 16. 10:00 AM-4:00 PM.

Memorial Park, N. Picnic Lane. Cost: \$10 (guaranteed 3 games). Open mixer format (no pre-made teams). Sign up on-line at [SummitMinistries.org](#) by Sunday, August 10. Bring your water, power bars, lawn chairs, lotion and competitive fight!

Worship Guide

July 20, 2008 • 9:10 AM

The Assembly

Call to Worship

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Crown Him King of Kings

Because He Lives

Greet/Worship

Made Me Glad

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer/Offering

Your Name

Message in Song

We Are Not Ashamed

Michael Karl, solo

Message

Pastor Gregg Matte

Response

I Surrender All

Benediction

Postlude

Paula Blackmon

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 JULY 13, 2008

Baptized

Hannah Anderson, YFBA
Paige Bays, YFBA
Charles Boxie, YFCA
Benson Copenhaver, S2BB
Carrie Craft, YFBA
Amy Doughty, MYEA
Kristin Gerhart, Y7BA
Becky Hawk, Y6BA
Brooke Helmreich, S2DA
Reese Hopkins, S2BB
Anja Parikh, Y6BA
Jordan Patterson, Y6BA
Devaun Wells, YFCA

For Baptism

Sara Binau, AUCF
James Burns, AUBC
Annette Coffman, S2BB
Sarah Wicke, S2EA

From Other Fellowships

Chantel Brown, ACEA
Terri Burns, AUBC
Jalyn King, ACEA
Cecelia Lacy, AUEF
Caleb Ramsey, ACEA
Ann Silvas, SPBA
Rafaela Xicay, AUBQ

WEEKLY SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE, JULY 13, 2008

Sunday Bible Study3,150
Mission Bible Study769
Weekday Bible Study1,985
Total5,904
Wednesday Night327

GIVING, WEEK ENDING JULY 13, 2008

Tithes & Offerings.....\$244,467
Weekly Requirements\$293,142
Over/(Under)(\$48,675)
Designated Gifts.....\$79,877
Over/(Under) for July(\$53,173)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

WEEK ENDING JULY 13, 2008

Total Pledged.....\$24,270,303
Donations Received\$39,965
Total Received\$7,099,294

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: _____)

Dear Church Family,

Each summer I have a time of sabbatical to study and refresh for the coming year. During these four weeks, I plan the upcoming message series, read, study, pray, and enjoy time with my family. The break from the daily tasks and weekly preaching is refreshment to my heart and filling of my soul as I continue to seek God's direction for our church. This sabbatical will have two segments. First, we will go to Lake Conroe for two weeks in which I will study in the mornings and evenings, and relax with my family in the afternoons.

Secondly, I will make two trips to gain wisdom from fellow pastors who minister effectively in their context. On the first trip, Greyson and I will go to New York City to gain a greater understanding of how to minister in an urban and diverse culture, since that is the direction Houston is heading. Of course, we are also going to take in a Yankee game or two! A week later, Kelly and I will go to Orlando to meet with the Pastor of FBC Orlando. He took over after the pastor of 30 years retired and has been there about 4 years (sound familiar?). Wisdom is found in many counselors and my desire is to glean from these Godly men.

As I'm away, our study of Exodus will continue, giving you greater insight to both the Bible and our staff:

July 27 and August 3
(All services) Dr. David Self, Executive Pastor

August 10
9:10 AM John Young, Associate Minister of Pastoral Care
10:45 AM Curt Jones, Living Proof Staff & Traveling Communicator
6:30 PM Jerrell Altic, Minister of Connection and Community

August 17
9:10 AM Doug Bischoff, Student Minister
10:45 AM Curt Jones, Living Proof Staff & Traveling Communicator
6:30 PM Steve Knox, College Catalyst

Please pray for my time away as I pray for you. Pray specifically for refreshment and hearing from the Lord. Thank you for being a church that realizes the importance of a refreshed heart.

In Jesus,
Pastor Gregg

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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**.

► **COUNSELING MINISTRY**

First H.O.P.E. Job Ministry

First H.O.P.E.'s next 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.



F2F – “Father to the Fatherless”

Wednesdays beginning August 6. (11 weeks) 7:00–8:30 PM. Counseling Center. Cost: \$35 per session + workbook. A therapy group specifically designed for women who struggle in finding fulfillment in a relationship with their earthly fathers. The group's theme verse is Psalm 68:5 “A father to the fatherless...is God in his holy dwelling.” Group topics will include, but not limited to: identity and worth, relationship patterns, and how to relate to God as Father. Led by Counselors, Jennifer Griffith and Courtney Strong. For more information or to sign up*, please call Jennifer or Courtney at **713.335.6463**. **Registering for the group requires a screening interview with one of the counselors.*

► **FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH**

Holy Land Tour

March 16-28, 2009. Join First Place 4 Health for 13 days in Israel with tour host Carole Lewis and Bible study leader Rob Heath. If you have never been, you cannot imagine how much you will broaden your knowledge of the Bible and enhance your spiritual life, just by seeing the land and sites first hand. If you have been before, you will feel the excitement of returning, and continue to experience once again the significance of this land. Call Lisa Lewis at **713.335.6403** for more information about this exciting once in a lifetime tour.

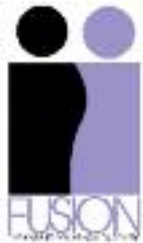
► **FUSION MINISTRIES - MARRIED YOUNG ADULTS**

Acuna Mexico Mission Trip Informational Meeting

Interested in foreign missions but don't want to travel far? Looking for an opportunity to serve together as a couple? This summer, Fusion Ministries is offering two mission trips to Acuna, Mexico (just across the border). The dates are August 7–10 and August 14–17. Cost is \$200 per person. Interested? Come to one of two informational meetings on **Sunday, July 20** at 12:15 or 4:00 PM in Room 335. Questions? Call **713.957.7681** or email **christen.barrios@hfbc.org**.

Metro Live

Friday, August 1. 7:00-8:30 PM. CLC.
For young adults 20-40: college, single or married. This free event features worship by Tyler Dodds Band with speaker Steve Knox. Free childcare provided through kindergarten. Questions? 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:

Edmond and Megan Hardin in the birth of their grandson, **Jackson David Wolworth**.

Nate and Abby Ezell in the birth of their son, **Micah Jesse Ezell**.

Jackie and Freddy Mendoza in the birth of their daughter, **Hadley Renee Mendoza**. Grandparents: **Mark and Brenda Reed**. Great-grandparents: **Lee and Lois Hadley** and **Marcia and Bill Reed**.

Malcolm (Staff) and **Stacey Marshall** in the birth of their daughter, **Sydney Anna**. Siblings: **Jaren** and **Madison**.

Steven and Brandi Sikes in the birth of their daughter, **Sagan Elizabeth**. Sister: **Brisa Gawlikowski**. Grandparents: **Betsy and Dan McDonald**. Aunt: **Ashli McDonald**.

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

A.D. and Teresa Stokes in the death of his mother, **Hazel Stokes**.

Shelly Haidari in the death of her father, **Jerome Gehlhausen**.

Doug Unverzagt (Staff) in the death of his sister, **Jeanne Ellen Dodd**.

Sandi Williams in the death of her brother-in-law, **Scott Winterhalter**.

Jason (Staff) and **Paige Swiggart** in the death of his mother, **Pat Swiggart**. Grandchildren: **Chambers, Harrison, and Preston**.

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

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Gregg Matte, Pastor << >> www.HoustonsFirst.org

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

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► GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

Bonnie Combs Food Pantry
Given by Carolyn Barr
in memory of Ian Smith

Given by Victory Bible Study Class
in honor of Paul Widener

Given by Refiners Bible Study Class
in honor of Clarence & Patty Houser

**Jake Self Memorial
Evangelism Fund**
Given by Robert and Dee Matthews
in memory of Rose Murphy

Newlywed Retreat Scholarships
Given by Chuck and Jane Caldwell
in memory of Pat Swiggart
Given by Les and Carolyn O'Neal
in memory of Pat Swiggart

► GIFTS AND MEMORIALS TO THE SLOAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Daughters of Blessing series by Lauraine Snelling, Book one – ***A Promise For Ellie*** and Book two – ***Sophie’s Dilemma*** were given by Marjorie Rose in memory of Yolanda Kennedy, sister of Berta Beard and Isis Tuel.

The Silk House series by Linda Lee Chaikin, Book one – ***Daughter Of Silk***, Book two – ***Written On Silk***, and Book three – ***Threads Of Silk*** were given by the Overcomers in memory of Edna Matchett, mother of Nancy Squires.

The family of Mary Lucile Shipley Ormsby has given a complete set of the ***Holman Commentary*** – 19 volumes, Old Testament and 12 volumes, New Testament.

► THE HUB - STUDENT MINISTRY

6th Grade One Day Mission Trip

Wednesday, July 23. Meet at HFBC at 9:30 AM–return at 1:30 PM. Location: TBA.

Mission Celebration

Wednesday, July 23. 7:00–8:30 PM. Chapel.
Join us as we celebrate what God has done with our Student Mission Trips.

Summer Rush 2008: Dinner & a Movie

Middle School Students!
Wednesday, July 30. Meet in front of Red Robin at the Marq'e at 5:30 PM–end by 9:00 PM. Bring \$15.

High School Students!
Wednesday, July 30. Meet at the Studio Movie Grill @ Hwy 6 (Copperfield). Time and Movie: TBA! Cost: \$6.00 with Student ID plus the cost of your food.

Go to **thehubstudents.com** for more details!

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!**

► IMPACT MINISTRIES - SINGLES 40+

Sunday Lunch

All Singles 40+ are invited for lunch on Sundays following The Gathering.
July 20: Pei Wei Asian Diner – 1413 S. Voss Road 77057, 713.785.1620
July 27: Pappas Burgers – 5815 Westheimer, 77057, 713.975.6082
August 3: Niko Niko’s – 2520 Montrose, 77007, 713.528.1308
August 10: IMPACT Birthdays/Pot Luck Luncheon – HFBC Room 143

Wednesday Night Prayer

Every Wednesday. 6:00 PM. Room 259F.
IMPACT Singles gather as one to pray for the church, pastor and each other!

Pappy’s Grille

Tuesday, July 22. 6:00 PM. 9041 Katy Freeway.
Don’t feel like cooking? Join us for dinner and dessert. No reservation needed.

Monthly Friday Night Bible Study

Friday, July 25. 7:00 PM. Room 143.
Adam Mason will be speaking on *The Journey of Spiritual Formation*.

Becoming...More Like Christ! Labor Day Retreat

August 29–September 1. Forest Glen Christian Camp, just outside Huntsville.
HFBC’s own Adam Mason will serve as our Bible study leader as we learn about *Becoming*. Enjoy free time with canoeing, archery, swimming and lots of other fun activities. Cost is \$120 with a \$25.00 non-refundable deposit.

For information, questions or to register for an event contact IMPACT Ministries at **713.957.7694** or via email ***impact.ministries@hfbc.org***.

KINGDOM KIDS MINISTRIES - CHILDREN’S PROGRAMMING

Kids’ 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 Kids’ Worship will be taken to their 10:30 AM Sunday School Class.

Pep Rallies

Wednesdays, Now through August 13. 9:00–10:30 AM. Chapel.
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, Now through August 14. 9:00 AM meet at CLC–3:00 PM pick up.
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 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 24: Mountasia :: **August 7:** Quillian Pool :: **August 14:** Astros Game

Check us out at **HoustonsFirst.org** (Ministries: By Groups: Children).
For more information contact the Children’s Programming office via email ***cassi.odom@hfbc.org*** or call Chad Overton at **713.957.7626**.

► MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS 7/20

Heather, MC, and RC,
Asia
Tina B and Denise K,
Central Asia
Sky Scott,
Central, Eastern & Southern Africa
ET, Last Frontier
Jo Brown, Betty Capps, Mary Collins, Brenda Hunter
and **Lori Jones,**
Middle America & the Caribbean
Alison K, Ben A, Catherine M,
Dave N and Vicki D, Pacific Rim
Jason S, South Asia
Judy Miller, West Africa

► 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
Team Leader: Sue Marshall
November 6–15, 2008
\$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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► 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 TRAINING CENTER

Volunteers & Supplies Needed!

The MTC youth will be taking a retreat to Enchanted Rock in Fredricksburg from July 25 to 27. We need volunteers and camping equipment such as tents, lanterns, sleeping bags, etc. If you can help, contact Khaleel Lott at 713.681.3521.

▶ MISSIONS MINISTRY

College Brazil Mission Trip

Please pray for the HFBC college mission team while they are on their mission trip from July 11-23, 2008. Steve Knox, HFBC College Catalyst, is their team leader.

- Lindsay Bakke

Diana Banner

Leslee Plum

Jon Paul Clayton
- Shannon Davis

Timothy Honeycutt

Steve Knox

Meg Knox
- Blake Land

Tommy Lynch

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.

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.



▶ PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES

Stephen Ministry Training

The Stephen Ministry Fall Training classes are scheduled to start **Monday, September 15**. Dedicated and compassionate church members who are called according to His purpose will attend thirteen 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. If your gift of the Holy Spirit is a compassion for hurting people, the Stephen Ministry is the place to be trained to use your gift.

Also, if you are currently experiencing a crisis in your life and think you would benefit from a confidential, understanding relationship with a Stephen Minister please stop by the Stephen Ministry information table in the Welcome Center Sunday or call 713.957.6761 or 713.957.6762.

▶ 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, Prayer Room

• **HFBC Prayer Line**

713.335.6456
- **HFBC Prayer Email**

prayer@hfbc.org

• **Consecrating the Worship Center**

Prayer before services

• **Prayer During Worship Service**

Call Becky Parker at 713.957.5866 for more information.

▶ SUMMIT MINISTRIES - YOUNG SINGLES



Metro LiVE

Friday, 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

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.

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.



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 23: Dr. David Self,** "Crossing the First Barrier", Acts 8:1-8.



▶ 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, August 6

Coming Soon! Don't Miss it...

Wednesday, July 30:
A Midsummer Night's Thing
Grilled Burgers and Hot Dogs in the Oasis from **5:30-6:30 PM** followed by special activities for everyone from **6:30-8:30 PM**.

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

26 Saturday Prayer time in the Sloan Library 5:00–6:00 PM	2 Saturday Prayer time in the Sloan Library 5:00–6:00 PM
25 Friday	1 Friday
24 Thursday Senior Adult Bible Study 10:00–11:30 AM, Fellowship Center Celebrate Recovery 6:00–9:00 PM, Fellowship Center	31 Thursday Senior Adult Bible Study 10:00–11:30 AM, Fellowship Center Celebrate Recovery 6:00–9:00 PM, Fellowship Center
23 Wednesday Orchestra, Choir Rehearsals General Support Groups 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 318 Divorce Care 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 265	30 Wednesday Orchestra, Choir Rehearsals General Support Groups 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 318 Divorce Care 7:00–8:30 PM, Room 265
22 Tuesday Senior Men's Prayer Time 9:00 AM, Room 258 Senior Adult Games Noon–4:00 PM, Room 143	29 Tuesday Senior Men's Prayer Time 9:00 AM, Room 258 Senior Adult Games Noon–4:00 PM, Room 143
21 Monday Stephen Ministry Supervisory Groups, 6:30 PM	28 Monday
20 SUNDAY WORSHIP Pastor Gregg Matte The Assembly, 9:10 AM The Gathering, 10:45 AM Ascend, 6:30 PM	27 SUNDAY WORSHIP Executive Pastor, Dr. David Self The Assembly, 9:10 AM The Gathering, 10:45 AM Ascend, 6:30 PM
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